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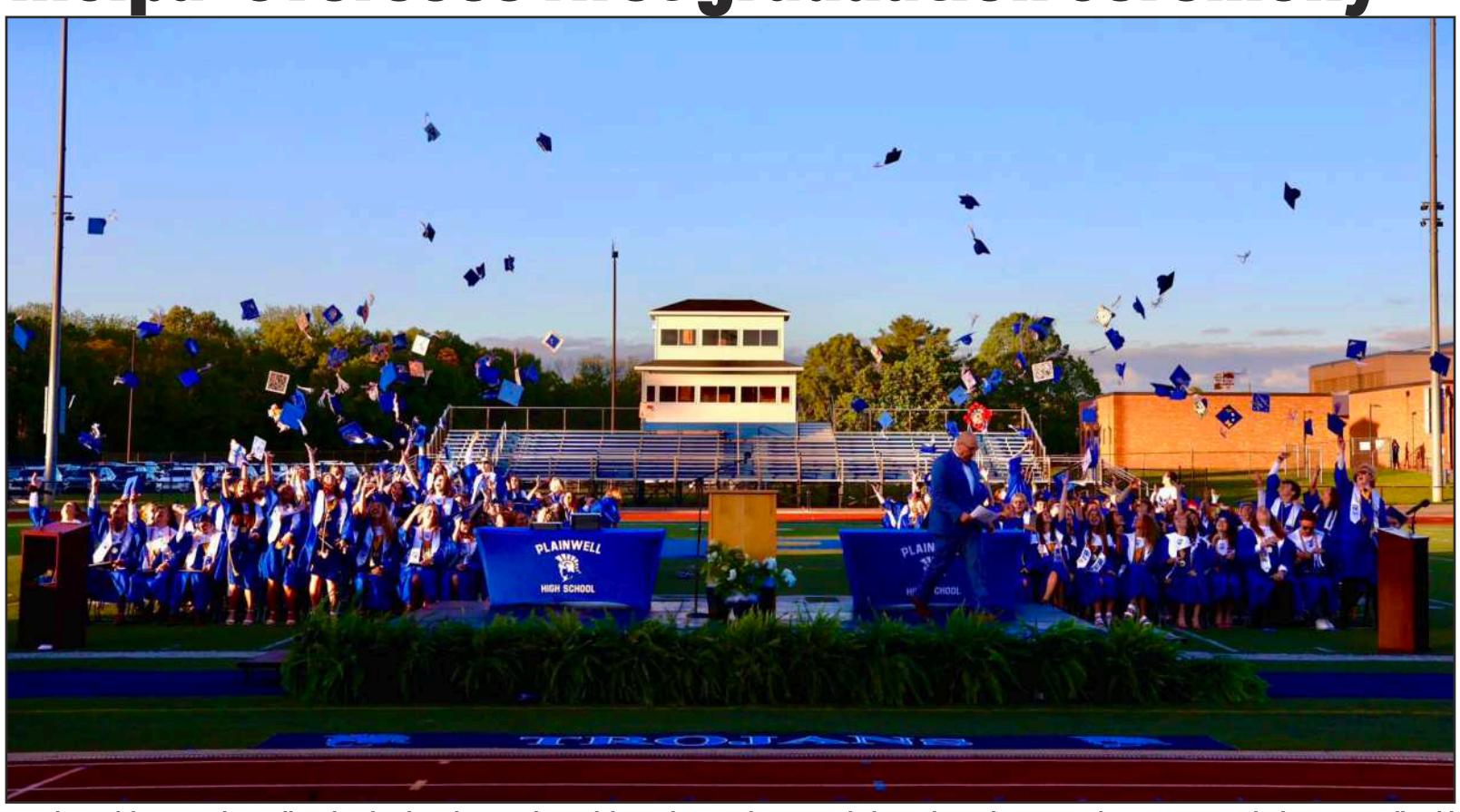
PHS principal oversees first graduation ceremony

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor



Members of the 2025 Plainwell High School graduating class celebrate their graduation with the traditional cap toss. The ceremony took place at Streidl Field on Thursday, May 22. (Photo provided)

The Plainwell High School Class of 2025 will always hold a special place in PHS principal Marvin Taylor's heart.

"With this being my first year at PHS, I will have many fond memories with this year's graduating class," Taylor said. "These graduating students taught me much about our school culture, the community and how our high school functions.

"I will remember those lessons and conversations with great fondness."

He will also remember the 2025 PHS graduation ceremony—which took place at Streidl Field on Thursday, May 22—with that same fondness.

"The graduation ceremony was an amazing event with many individuals collaborating in its preparation," Taylor said. "Amazingly, I wasn't nervous about speaking, but was more concentrated on ensuring I didn't stumble up or down the riser step.

"As I said in the closing remarks, I have been humbled by the community welcome I have received, and graduation night was no different. Talking with attendees afterward was more of the same, with people commenting on how much they enjoyed the ceremony."

With the weather for graduation night uncertain, Plainwell Community Schools officials actually prepared for the ceremony to be both outside and inside the new field house.

"The seating capacity in the new field house is actually more than that of Streidl Field, so there was no concern about space," Taylor said. "Chairs, stages and other equipment were ordered and installed in the field house, so that we could facilitate graduation indoors if needed, and with only a few hours' notice.

"Perhaps the biggest challenge was ensuring that we were communicating effectively with the community about how the decision-making was going to occur. Members of the team stayed in contact with each other up to the day of the event with a final decision to proceed with the ceremony outside being made by noon."

The ceremony included student addresses from Adin Young, EllaGrace Wesseldyk and Katherine Goodwin. PHS social studies teacher Hannah Skierski presented the faculty address.

And despite the wind threatening to blow away the speakers' notes, all of the speeches were able to be delivered.

"The wind was blowing my notes around, requiring me to speak without them at one point," Taylor said. "The wind also blew tassels off of mortarboards, so that made moving them challenging as well."

The evening wasn't about the wind, however. It was about the members of the graduating class.

"What stood out to me most about this year's graduating class was the amount of initiative shown by many members of the class," Taylor said. "Illustrative of this point was the $4 million in scholarships offered or received by the class in its entirety.

"It's also a very athletic class as well with the boys basketball team winning districts this year, as did the girls volleyball team. So, overall, this year's graduating class is very well-rounded in both academics and athletics."

Otsego High School valedictorian Landon Eastman speaks at the graduation ceremony. (Photo provided)

OHS moves graduation indoors

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

With the weather refusing to cooperate, Otsego Public Schools officials were forced to move the district's graduation ceremony into the high school gymnasium on Wednesday, May 21.

And while Otsego High School principal Thomas Reed wasn't exactly sure what to expect, he said the event couldn't have gone any better given the circumstances.

"The evening went really well," said Reed, who is in his third year at OHS. "I'll admit I was a little nervous going into it since I had never been part of an indoor ceremony here at Otsego, but I couldn't have imagined it going any better.

"We worked hard to replicate the tradition and impact of our typical outdoor ceremony, and I think we pulled it off."

According to Reed, district officials wait as long as possible to decide whether or not to move the ceremony inside. But given the fact that rain fell off and on throughout the day, that decision became obvious.

"It was a relatively easy call," he said. "The forecast made it clear the weather wasn't going to improve."

As for the ceremony itself, highlights included speeches from valedictorian Landon Eastman, salutatorian Ryan Fieldbrandt and class president Taylor Klimp, as well as performances by the OHS choir and band.

Another highlight was the commencement address from OHS teachers—and husband and wife—Dan and Robin Cleypool.

As part of their address, the Cleypools gave "gifts"

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Hoffman claims pair of state championships

Otsego junior Emma Hoffman entered the MHSAA Division 2 Girls Track & Field State Finals as the prohibitive favorite to win state titles in the 1,600 and the 3,200.

She didn't dissapoint, as she did, indeed, secure both of those championships. See Page B1 for full story. (Photo provided)

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Carp Derby supports invasive species cleanup efforts

By Gari Voss

Word is out… "Come Catch Carp! The Lake Allegan Carp Derby is a contest to see how many ugly carp you can pull out of Lake Allegan on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 7-11am."

Efforts to clear the Kalamazoo River of invasive carp have been active for years. All have reduced the number of carp through work projects because carp threaten other freshwater life. Carp are bottom feeders and have been known to disturb PCB laden materials on the river and lake bottoms. The goal is to eliminate the troublesome critters.

Now, through the collaboration of the Allegan Conservation District, Outdoor Discovery Center Network, Michigan DNR, American Rivers, and Lake Allegan Association, Inc., the task is being turned into a fun competition.

"This will be the first Lake Allegan Carp Derby in over a decade," shared Coco Soodek who a member of the Lake Allegan Association. "Lake Allegan has really grown as a center for recreation. This is an unprecedented partnership among 4 organizations working to celebrate and improve Lake Allegan."

Fishermen and women are invited to get out their poles and fishing gear to join the competition on Saturday, June 7th from 7-11am. The cost is $5 and registration has begun at https://www.lakeallegan.org/carp-derby, or anglers can register at the check in table that will be at the Allegan Dam Parking Lot 4044 Allegan Dam Road, Allegan.

The Allegan Conservation District is excited to be part of this event. "The Lake Allegan Carp Derby is a community event focused on removing invasive carp to help make Lake Allegan healthier. The Allegan Conservation District is working with the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) Network, Michigan DNR, American Rivers, and the Lake Allegan Association to pull invasive carp out of Lake Allegan and to celebrate this beautiful lake."

A competition would not be complete without a celebration. The Awards Party will be from 1-3pm at the Riverfront Plaza, 223 Riverfront Plaza in Allegan. Prizes will be given for the biggest carp, the most carp caught, and other "carp-fishing feats". Bring a chair, a picnic lunch, purchase food and drink from Allegan's eateries, and enjoy live music by Lake Allegan's own Matthew Turcic plus the Gun River Band.

The Allegan Conservation District to thank Consumers Energy and AMS Bowfishing for their sponsorship, plus the Outdoor Discovery Center, American Rivers, DNR, and the Lake Allegan Association for their collaboration.

Hamilton Elementary Hosted Wing Replacement Open House

Hamilton Community Schools invited the public to a special "Wing Replacement Open House" at Hamilton Elementary School last Tuesday. This event marks a major milestone for the district, as the original classroom wing is set to be removed following the end of the school year—making way for a modern learning space that will serve generations to come.

This addition was made possible through the overwhelming support of the 2023 school bond proposal.

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Fennville Women's Club announces summer schedule

Above: Dawn Soltysiak, Rebecca Jamros, Jodi Carlson enjoying a lakeshore gathering. At left: Kym Dickinson Zumbrink, Michelle Stanger, Katie Beemer, Dawn Soltysiak in the potter's studio

The Fennville Women's Club announces its 2025 summer schedule and invites area women to attend the group's free and informal potluck gatherings. The first dinner is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, June 26 at the South Haven home of Kym Dickinson Zumbrink. July's potluck dinner is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Sunday, July 20 at the Fennville home of Gale Moltzen. Westside County Park will be the site for the Sunday, August 17 gathering. The potluck will begin at 7:30 pm followed by a sunset viewing on the beach. All are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair. Addresses will be provided upon receipt of an emailed rsvp to shapirolerner@gmail.com. The email should include the attendee's name, date or dates attending, and the name of the dish for the potluck.

The group will convene in September for its annual planning meeting for the 2025-2026 year but has already scheduled its opening program for the fall featuring Abra Berens, a Michigan chef, author, and former farmer. Through every recipe written and meal served, she aims to tighten the connection between eaters and growers. She believes we can invest in a stronger, more equitable food system for everyone, from producers to grocers to consumers. This special program is co -hosted with the Fennville District Library.

The Fennville Women's Club welcomes all area women to get involved through its volunteer projects in the greater Fennville community and encourages friendships. The group co-chaired by Dawn Soltysiak and Sharona Shapiro meets once a month throughout the year.

In its inaugural year, club members mentored high school girls at risk and upon their graduations, gifted them with laptops. This past spring, the club underwrote the graduating class of the Fennville Alternative School's spring trip. The FWC has collaborated with the City of Fennville and the DDA to host First Fridays and the Fennville District Library's exhibit on the history of Fennville women. Working with the City Hall, a pollinator's garden was created in the downtown area. Two Allegan County non-profits, OnPoint and Safe Harbor received financial donations dedicated to the purchases of AEDs for their new buildings. This past month the FWC underwrote a retreat program benefiting Sylvia's Place staff at Fennville's Red Horse Therapeutic Center.

The Fennville Women's Club has no membership annual dues but asks participating women to individually financially support and/or to work on club fundraisers to underwrite adopted projects. Previous fundraisers were held during Goose Festivals and Holiday Markets and were spearheaded by Rebecca Crane. Women interested in receiving alerts for upcoming gatherings and events should forward their names and email addresses to shapirolerner@gmail.com.

Drunk driver sentenced to prison for death of 34-year-old

A 20-year-old has been sentenced for a 2024 deadly drunk driving crash near Plainwell.

On Monday, Joshua William Bommerscheim was sentenced to four to 15 years in prison and ordered to pay $4,596 in restitution after he pleaded no contest on May 1 to operating while intoxicated, causing death.

The crash happened on Aug. 14, 2024, around 6:10 a.m. Bommerscheim was heading south on US-131 near 102nd Avenue in Gun Plain Township when he hit a disabled SUV on the shoulder of the road.

Two men were working on the SUV. One of the men, identified by the sheriff's office as 34-year-old Tyler Rexford-Dean Robinson, died at the scene.

The other was rushed to the hospital with serious injuries, deputies said at the time. That person was not identified by the sheriff's office.

Body recovered in Kalamazoo River

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — On May 27 Allegan County Marine Deputies recovered a deceased male subject from the Kalamazoo River in Otsego Twp.

At this time the investigation is ongoing, there is no indication of foul play at this time and is likely related to a previous report of a missing person who was witnessed going under the water on the river near Plainwell City.

No names are being released until confirmatory identification can be made by the medical examiner's office.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted in this incident by the Plainwell Department of Public Safety, Allegan County Dive Rescue team, Plainwell EMS, and the Allegan County Medical Examiner's Office.

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Community Calendar - Week of June 2, 2025

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Thurs., June 5 & Fri., June 6, 2025, 8am-6pm: Rummage Sale
First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan

Sat., June 7, 2025, 7am-3pm: Lake Allegan Carp Derby
Lake Allegan Dam Road Allegan

Sat., June 7, 2025, 8pm: Down Under Comedy Show
Tantrick Brewing 243 Hubbard Down Under on the Riverfront Allegan
Make reservations NOW.

Tues., June 10, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Lutheran Church, 631 Grand Street, Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., June 4, 2025, 7pm: Austin Lanier, motivational speaker
Wayland Union Fine Arts Center Wayland
The whole community is invited to enjoy the conversation with Austin Lanier to discuss mental health, suicide prevention and healthy identity. Special thanks to the Wayland Union Education Foundation.

Wed., June 4 – Sat., June 7, 2025: GLAMARAMA
Allegan Co. Fairgrounds Allegan
The Great Lakes Area Motor Coach Association Annual Rally will take over the fairgrounds to highlight the best in camping.

Wed., June 4, 2025, 6pm: Pintesting – Felt Flower Bookmarks
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Register at 269 673-4625 to enjoy a craft and conversation.

Thurs., June 5 & Fri., June 6, 2025, 8am-6pm: Rummage Sale
First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Come and find wonderful treasures.

Thurs., June 5, 6pm: Salve Making
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Register at 269 673-4625 and learn to make salve with Haley Terpstra, owner of Herbal Meadows Botanicals.

Thurs., June 5, 2025, 7-8pm: Allegan Jaycees General Meeting
Sassy Olive 125 Locust St. Allegan
All young professionals 18-40 are welcome to meet with like minds to make plans to improve the community.

Sat., June 7, 2025, 7am-3pm: Lake Allegan Carp Derby
Lake Allegan Dam Road Allegan
Sponsored by the Allegan Conservation District. 7-11am: Derby on Lake Allegan; 1-3pm: Awards Party on the Allegan Downtown Riverfront with live music and award presentation.

Sat., June 7, 2025, 10am: Drone Club
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
All ages can meet Alan behind the library and enjoy flying drones.

Sat., June 7, 2025, 8pm: Down Under Comedy Show
Tantrick Brewing 243 Hubbard Down Under on the Riverfront Allegan
Enjoy laughs wit Carl Sobel and Matt Lauria. $10 tickets are limited. Reserve at Tantrick Brewing.

Mon., June 9, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
Bear & Fox Yarn Den Brady St. Allegan
Bring a project and drop in for a casual evening of stitching.

Tues., June 10, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Lutheran Church, 631 Grand Street, Allegan
ALL veterans who have served or are currently serving in our military forces can gather for fellowship with other vets, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts/rolls. Please come and see what this is all about and share this with others you feel might like to come. Questions: please call (269)673-3335.

Tues., June 10, 2025, 6:30-7:30pm: Environmental Book Club
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
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Thurs., June 12, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Parking Lot Water & Cutler Streets Allegan
Double up food bucks are available at City Hall 231 Trowbridge St. Enjoy a wide variety of fruits and vegetables plus live plants, specialty foods, and crafts.

Thurs., June 12, 2025, 9am: Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
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Thurs., June 12, 2025, 4-6pm: Plant Workshop
Tantrick Down Under 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
EccentriC Garden will host a succulent terrarium workshop.

Fri., June 13 – Sun., June 15, 2025: Summerfest
Wayland Downtown Wayland
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Fri., June 13, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Patty PerShayla
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Sat., June 14, 2025, 11am-10pm: Allegan Bridgefest
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Mon., June 16, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
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Mon., June 16, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
Bear & Fox Yarn Den Brady St. Allegan
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Wed., June 18, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz Night
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
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Wed., June 18, 2025, 6-7:30pm: Mushroom Workshop
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
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Wed., June 18, 2025: Bike Nights
Wayland Downtown Wayland
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Abandoned Wells

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Abandoned, unused, unplugged wells threaten groundwater resources and public health. Contaminants from the surface such as fertilizers, pesticides or other run off water, can easily move downward through the unsealed, abandoned well and enter the aquifer. These contaminants may end up in your drinking water well, your neighbors well or the local community drinking water wells.

The City of Allegan would like to identify any abandoned, unplugged wells in and around its wellhead protection zone and explore having them plugged. The zone extends east from the city of Allegan along the north side of M-222 east to 24th St.

If you are the owner of the abandoned, unplugged well and would like assistance in plugging the well. Please contact Allegan Water Utilities at 269-686-1117 or by emailing to Doug Sweeris at dsweeris@cityofallegan.org

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Allegan continues to seek funds for improvements

By Gari Voss

Grants to fund capital improvement projects seemed the reoccurring theme of the May 27, 2025, meeting of the Allegan City Council. To make improvements possible, City Manager Joel Dye and his staff work with Abonmarche to search for grants that match the desired projects. The current improvements related to parking lots and Mahan Park are moving along nicely.

Rossman Park CDBG Grant

The request to hold a public hearing and adopt Resolution 25.16 regarding a Community Development Block Grant for Rossman Park was approved. City Manager Joel Dye explained that a total critical infrastructure project for the Rossman Park neighborhood was necessary. There is a possibility for a grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The grant application is due May 30th. Those receiving the grant will be informed by June 20, 2025, and must complete the project by Dec. 31, 2027.

The total project would include all roads, sewers and water. The CDBGis a water related infrastructure grant, and the city can apply for up to $2.5 to improve the water infrastructure in the neighborhood. In addition, the State of Michigan recently gave Allegan $721,000 of local community stabilization funds which makes it possible to improve all the roads in the neighborhood including some downtown roads. The total project designed by Abonmarche is $9.592 million.

The CDBG grant requires a public meeting before applying for the $2.5 million for the underground utilities. The 80 year old pipes are beginning to fail because of huge cracks in the sanitary pipes. The streets are part of the 6-year plan for improvement. Because of narrow streets, the water and sewer can pick up most of the cost of this bonded project. Therefore, the city's water fund can contribute $4.191 million, the sanitary fund will contribute 4.622 million, and the street fund $779,000. Sidewalks will be replaced only when utility replacement dictates.

This project was planned for 2027, but if the grant is received, there will be a budget adjustment to complete the project earlier. The water and sewer portion of the bond would be covered by the water and sewer rate planning, but the road is cash using major and local street fund balances which would be about $2 million.

The current resolution at the May 27, 2025, meeting only approves City Manager Joel Dye as the certifying officer for the environmental review. The June 9, 2025, meeting will present the projected budget changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Berkin requested that the city do an elevation survey of the sewage system that was installed about four years ago because he has had backups and problems on Riverside Drive. The new line installed by the city seems to be higher than Mr. Berkin's and sewage does not flow uphill. Berkin gave kudos to Doug Swier for all the efforts on the wellhead protection program.

Steven Small on Walcott St. wondered about how projects were bid and if they were using local vendors. The Girl Scout property project could add 38 houses to the neighborhood which has narrow roads and no sidewalks. The current infrastructure may not handle the added use and traffic.

A concern was presented regarding the new railings installed on the boardwalk that is only 2-feet high. It is close to the splash pad where children play, and they could easily crawl over or under it. It was later learned that the section was install to comply with ADA rules that allow people with disabilities to fish from the boardwalk.

REPORTS

The Downtown Development Authority met on May 14, 2025, and reviewed the progress on the Hubbard Street and Water Street Parking Lots, and Mahan Park. All projects should all be done on schedule. The members were informed that after two years of operation, the Downtown Refuse and Recycling Program has incurred over $4,000 in fees due to overage and contamination charges. Steps are being taken to mitigate the fees. The Board reviewed a marketing initiative to promote downtown that would utilize funds that were previously used in the REVUE West Michigan. A plan was presented for Sidewalk Sales days to coordinate with non-profits and community organization participation for Saturday, July 26th. Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson shared the design for the Locust Street banner.

The Public Spaces Commission met on May 14, 2025. Commissioners learned that the Mahan Park Improvement is on track for completion for June 30, 2025. The draft of rules and regulations for Green (natural) Burials for Oakwood Cemetery were presented and approved. The Living History Cemetery Tour would be on May 30 & 31, 2025 rain or shine. The Arbor Day Firestarter Tupelo tree planted in front of the Griswold Auditorium is doing well, and Johnson reminded everyone that other trees are being planted throughout the city. A presentation was made to plant sixteen serviceberry trees along the Rossman Park corridor of Marshall Street and was being reviewed by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Allegan Wellhead Protection Plan committee met on May 14, 2025. It was reported that 2 wells had been located and abandoned, and 3 more had been referred to the county health department for assistance with abandoning. The committee is working on creating information signs for the Water Plant and Allegan Water Cycle, plus having a booth at Bridgefest on June 14, 2025, with a Water Monster hydration station on the riverfront, activity packs, T-shirts to color or tie-dye, and the Droplet mascot. The group discussed applying for an EGLE grant that is due June 15, 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS

Padgham Airport. The request to approve a purchase order to Prein & Newhof in the amount of $2,425.00 for Design and Engineering Services at Padgham Airport passed. This design will resurface the runways because MDOT found that the runway required resurfacing now before it needed reconstruction. The total project will be $97,000. MDOT will cover 95%, or $92,150, while the city will cover 5%, or $4,850. The council must authorize the engineering, and the surfacing would come from the FY27 budget.

International Cab & Chassis. The request to approve a purchase order to West Michigan International (WMI) in the amount of $102,335.29 for the purchase of an International cab and chassis passed. This will save over $15,000 because the price increases that will soon take effect. This is just the cab and chaise, and the rest of the truck will come in the next budget.

Allegan City Dam. The request to approve a purchase order to AECOM in the amount of $29,812.00 for Engineering a Hydraulics Evaluation on the City Dam passed. In 2024, a million dollar EGLE grant was awarded to improve the dam. A permit must be obtained from EGLE for construction, and as part of the permit, there must be a hydraulics evaluation of the construction done. AECOM did the previous work on the dam and understand the current needs.

Green Burial. The request to approve green burial in Oakwood Cemetery and adopt the proposed rules and procedures passed. This eco-friendly practice has been requested with rules and procedures to use the southeast area of the cemetery. 850-900 graves are estimated for the area. There should be no extra charges to the city and would cost the same as other burials. The markers will have to be ecofriendly. Low to no maintenance will be incurred.

Administrative Services

Pay the Bills. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $356,098.04 and payroll in the amount of $126,433.67 for a total disbursement of $482,531.71 passed.

Revenue and Expenditure report. The revenue and expenditure report is available online and at City Hall. Questions will be answered when requested.

FY2025 Budget. The request to adopt Resolution 25.15 regarding the FY2026 Budget passed. The millage rate has dropped due to the Headley Act from 17 mills to 16.368 mills. With the county equalization department reduction, the millage rate will be 16.1306. There is an increase of 1.5% in the sewage rate and 8% in the water rate. For the average resident, that combined monthly increase would be about $3.57. The budget balances at $20,911,852.

TEDF (Transportation Economic Development Fund)-B (small community) Grant. The request to adopt Resolution 25.17 to authorize a TEDF-B Grant Application to fund the Walnut Street Improvement Project was approved. The grant is through MDOT to fund street projects. The total cost to improve Walnut Street is $672,000. The eligible road amount is $376,000 and the water portion is $296,000. The street is in the 6-year Plan, but with the grant, the project can be accomplished sooner. The resolution confirms that the city will pay $173,530 if the grant funding is made available.

Girl Scout Property. The request to approve an amendment to the Property Due Diligence Agreement for the Girl Scout Property was approved. In December 2024, the Council approved a six-month due diligence agreement with the Allegan Development Co. to investigate the development of the Girl Scout property off River Street. The investigation has been completed, and the company would like to move forward. The extension would be two months to put together a purchasing agreement for $100,000. The plan is for 38 units = 26 condos + 12 town homes. The development costs for infrastructure would be $1,647,232.

The property itself is 14.55 acres, but only 5 acres can be developed. This includes preserving some green space that will be accessible to the public. The Allegan Conservation District would like to develop the lower elevations of the land. This would include walking trails, benches, and interpretive signs.

The approved motion would only extend the due diligence terms for two months.

Givebutter Fundraiser. The request to authorize staff to establish accounts with Givebutter to initiate community fundraising efforts in support of various City programs and projects passed. The program would include the community institutions such as the Regent Theater, the Griswold Auditorium, Park Space, Community Events, Oakwood Cemetery and the Police Services. Each donation would be charged 2.9% and $.30 per transaction. The community members and others can donate to the program(s) of their choice. This could work much like the Mahan Park project with public donations. There will need to be more thought for the regulations on the account. The staff were given permission to move forward with establishing the Givebutter account.

Griswold Auditorium Report. A review was shared that the rental rate for Griswold use is flexible accounting depending upon the event. The city is in the middle of a Capital Improvement Project for the Griswold that made repairs/improvements to the roof, windows, fire escape tuck pointing, and interior plastering. Currently, investigation has been made into an LED sign to promote events or to rent the space. Another project would be to improve the Marilla Lounge to better facilitate small events. The past year has seen the Griswold being used for more events like the Cabin Fever Reliever series and Allegan Area Arts Council. Stand Up Comics are coming in November along with other shows. A request was made for the results of a previous assessment of the Griswold.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions were asked regarding the due diligence guidelines that have gone longer than the original timeline.

Concerns came regarding the changes that will happen to the neighborhood next to the Girl Scout property if a housing development is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Joel Dye shared that some councils made a comment that Public Comments would be addressed after the regular meeting. The Council seemed to believe this to be possible since they often already do this.

Allegan won its second statewide award from the American Public Works Association for the Downtown area. The previous award was several years ago for the Riverfront improvement with the splashpad, plaza and small parking area.

Dy reminded all that city council packets are posted online by at least the Friday before the meeting date. The public can access these prior to the regular Council meetings.

ROUNDTABLE OF COUNCIL

Councilmember Mike Zeter brought forth the idea for the city to hold a Halloween Decorating Contest and also for Christmas Decorations Contest.

Councilmember Walker put forth a request for the staff to check the water problems previously presented. He felt that the railing concern should be addressed regarding the gap at the bottom.

Councilmember Canalis thanked the staff and councils for the work done to receive the recognition from the state.

Councilmember Hooker shared that she and Councilmember Walked would not host a drop in session until August because of Bridgefest and the July 3rd Jubilee presenting opportunities for the council members to interact with residents.

Mayor Perrigo reminded the council that there were signs being sold to garner money for the police department, but the city has not seen any profits from the sale of the signs. In addition, Perrigo wondered if the city was involved in the development of the Armintrout/Milbocker Preserve because that neighborhood was concerned about the amount of traffic before the preserve opened. The Conservancy only came to the city for approval of the parking area, and she wondered if the neighborhood was having problems with traffic.

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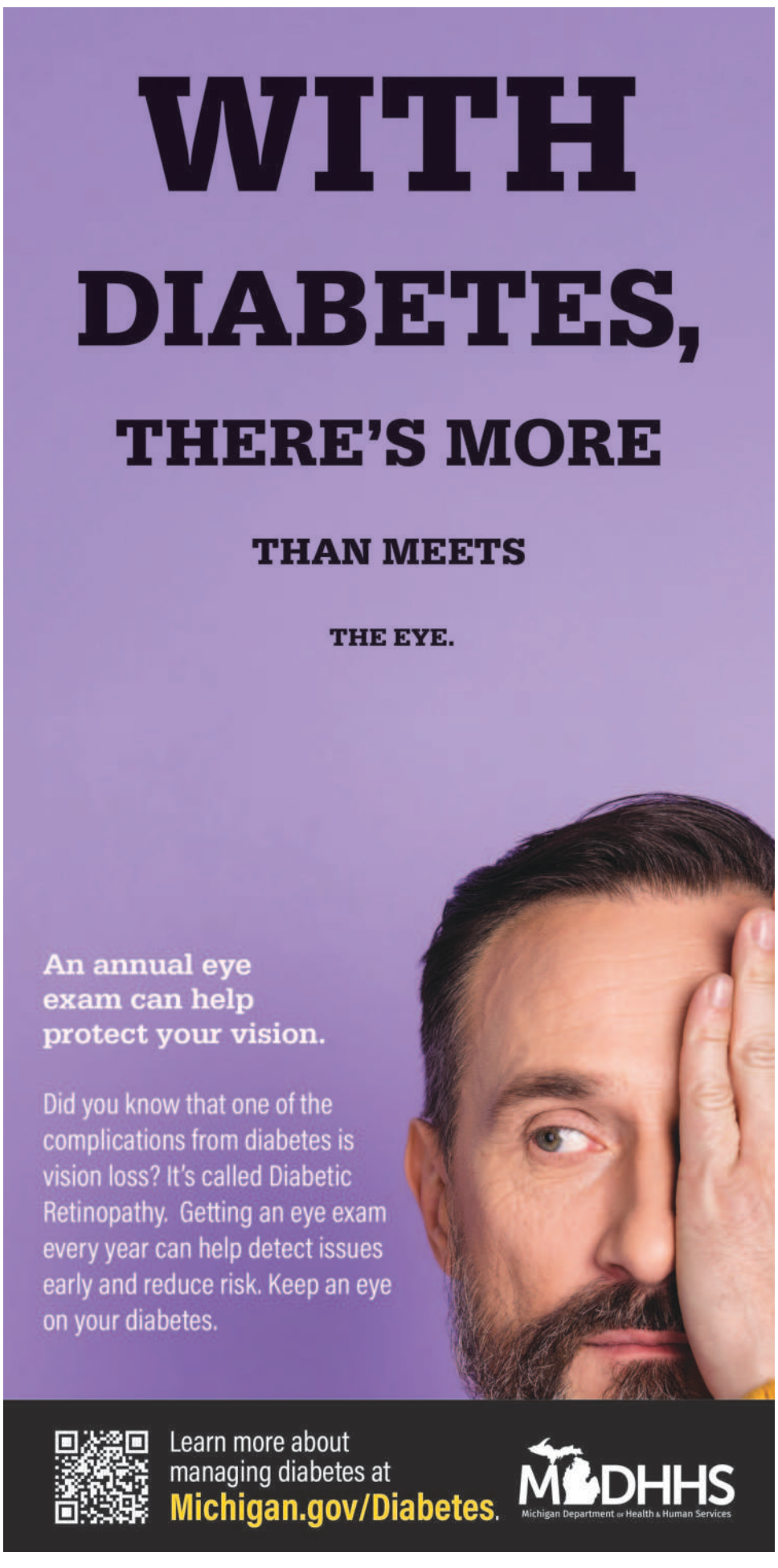
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Emphasis on education in 2026 election

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Rick Snyder's Vision for Education: A Bold Step for the 2026 Election

Championing the Future of Learning

In the rapidly shifting landscapes of politics and policy, it is rare to encounter a leader who prioritizes the foundational pillars of society—education being chief among them. Rick Snyder's initiative to focus on education in the 2026 election is nothing short of visionary. As former governor Snyder's renewed commitment to uplifting students, educators, and the broader educational ecosystem deserves not just recognition but wholehearted support. He hopes to raise between $20-$30 million to make the election about Michigan's K-12 education problems.

Essentially what he plans to do is offer a ballot initiative to force the state to adopt reforms deployed by Florida, Tennessee and Mississippi, which have dramatically improved those state's schools.

A Timely Focus on Education

Education has always been a cornerstone of progress, yet it is often relegated to the back burner amidst debates on economic, healthcare, and defense policies. Snyder's choice to place education at the forefront of his agenda signals not only political acumen but also a deep understanding of what truly drives long-term societal growth. By investing in education, Snyder proposes to tackle systemic inequalities, empower the next generation, and ensure that the workforce of tomorrow is both skilled and adaptable.

This focus is just what the doctor ordered. Michigan statistically is not good when ranked against other states. Michigan is 44th in overall school performance; 27th in per pupil funding; 44th for high school graduation rate; 37th in fourth grade math; 44th in fourth grade reading; 33rd in eighth grade math and 31st in eighth grade reading.

I'm shocked at the 44th overall ranking. That's simply not acceptable.

Addressing Challenges with Pragmatic Solutions

The educational challenges facing the nation are daunting. From underfunded schools to the achievement gap, and from teacher shortages to the lack of access to modern learning tools, the hurdles are myriad. Yet, Snyder's track record suggests he is well-equipped to navigate these complexities. His data-driven approach to governance, combined with an emphasis on efficiency and results, hints at a future where education policies are not just aspirational but actionable.

Snyder's initiative places emphasis on equitable funding for schools—a matter of urgent importance. By ensuring that every student receives the resources they need regardless of socioeconomic background, he aims to level the playing field. Furthermore, his vision includes enhancing STEM education, integrating technology into classrooms, and ensuring that every child graduates not just with knowledge but with practical skills to thrive in a competitive global economy

Fostering Innovation in Learning

Snyder's education agenda goes beyond traditional models of learning, embracing innovation as a catalyst for transformation. His vision for modernizing curriculums to include coding, artificial intelligence, and digital literacy promises to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Snyder's initiative also highlights the importance of collaborative partnerships between schools, businesses, and universities to create a pipeline of talent that aligns with market demands.

Future-Proofing the Workforce

By making education a primary focus, Snyder is effectively future-proofing the workforce. His emphasis on vocational training and apprenticeships bridges the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that graduates are job-ready from day one. This alignment between education and employment addresses skill shortages and positions the nation as a leader in innovation and productivity.

A Legacy Worth Building

Rick Snyder's initiative is not merely a campaign promise; it is a blueprint for a brighter future. His dedication to education reflects a belief in the potential of every child and the transformative power of learning. It is a call to action for voters, policymakers, and communities to rally behind a vision that prioritizes growth through enlightenment.

One gubernatorial candidate that seems to agree with Snyder, is Detroit Mayor Michael Duggan who is running as an independent. I have been impressed with the way he has run Detroit and suspect he might make a good governor.

Duggan in his keynote address to the Detroit Regional Chamber's Mackinac policy conference chided both Republicans and Democrats in ignoring education reform. "Failing schools are a problem throughout Michigan."

In an era where political discourse is often divisive and shortsighted, Snyder's focus on education stands out as refreshingly constructive. It is a reminder that the true measure of a leader lies in their commitment to empowering others, and Rick Snyder's initiative promises to empower an entire generation. As the 2026 election approaches, one can only hope that his vision inspires not just votes but a nationwide movement to put education first. After all, the future of the nation depends on the minds we nurture today.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Growing up, we had the usual generational divides in our home. When my parents were born, they were included as part of the Silent Generation who lived through the Spanish Flu, Roaring Twenties, Great Depression, World War Two. Right behind them came the Greatest Generation who lived through WWII, Korea, Joseph McCarthy, and the battle over whether drinking water should have fluoride in it. I came from the Baby Boomer era, and our generation had its own challenges such as racism, political assassinations, and the Viet Nam War. Now, make no mistake about it, the Olds and I got along just fine, but there were some hairline cracks in the relationship. Usually, it was over insignificant cultural matters.

Music was always problematic because I confused the Olds. I genuinely liked, and still like early 1920s Jazz through the Big Band sound of 1944. That year is my own arbitrary date because it was the year the Glenn Miller's plane went down. They liked Mantovani and some of the crooners like Perry Como. One night over dinner, the subject of music came up. It was our family's preferred method to avoid mentioning more challenging problems. Mother nearly dropped a fork in horror when I brought up a new-to-me 1920s band, the Clicquot Club Eskimos, and started talking about them.

Mother composed herself, and said, "I think you should try listening to other music your school friends like. I just heard about a new group of English singers called the Rolling Stones, and that Joni Mitchell seems like a nice young lady. Perhaps you should try her music for a change. Over dessert, she mentioned another band I might like called Metallica. Mother remained remarkably clueless for her entire life.

The length of my hair was another generational battle. My father thought of himself as a barber, and cut my hair. Trust me, he was no barber, but he was so thrifty he could make the buffalo on a nickel squawk. He would cut my hair and then beginning a few days later would run the back of his hand up the back of my head. If my hair did not bristle, it was time for another haircut. After a decade, I liked keeping it short. Short, according to Father, meant off the top of my ears and my shirt collar. Mother thought I looked too much like an IBM engineer, especially with a mechanical pencil in the plastic shirt pocket protector. I think their logo might have been a dead give-away. I thanked her for the compliment; she glared and said it was NOT a compliment.

I could keep going about the culture wars of the good old days, but the heart of the matter every generation goes through them, and then guess what? The day slipped in on us when we Baby Boomers evolved into the mindset of the Greatest and Silent generations. And now, it appears that the Millennials are turning into Boomers. Good for them! They've quit making snide remarks like, "Okay, Boomer," and are realizing sometimes there is a lot of old-fashioned common sense, wisdom they need to learn. Some of them are willing to listen to us.

They once feared becoming their parents, vehemently pledging it was never going to happen to them, and now they have become us. They always wanted to be "cool" (or is it "hot"? I can't remember) and now they have arrived. A good example is that our Olds told us to turn off the light when we left the room, turn down the heat and put on a sweater when cold - and now that the Mills are paying the utility bills, they are economizing.

Economically, the Mills are catching up to us Boomers with the exception of home ownership. Taking into account the all too frequent painting the house, utility bills, taxes, various fees, new windows, water in the basement and replacing a water heater, and a lot more, owning a home isn't all it is cracked up to be. For some, this American dream is edging toward the cliff of a nightmare. The Mils are discovering the lessons and experiences common to each generation.

There are other examples of how they are morphing into us and becoming more like their parents. The older they get, the less they want to go to a loud party or stay out too late. They are not that keen about watching a violent movie where blood and body parts are blown across the county. A nice Agatha Christie style mystery, preferably on PBS, is becoming their preferred adventure.

Drive at night? Maybe, but like us, they don't feel as comfortable as in the past, and they are much more aware that there might be deer on the road, or something else. And since they don't like driving at night, they're vying with us Boomers for the early-bird specials at a quiet restaurant. Like us at the Silents and Greatest's, they will delight in saving money with discounts and coupons.

For some, the older they get the more likely they are to return a traditional or main-line denomination church. The great mega-churches, often with either Hollywood worthy choreography or a praise band was their 'thing' for a while. The older the Mils get, the more many of them want to reconnect with something from their childhood, with the old familiar hymns, solid preaching, and an emphasis on practical, practicing Christianity.

The sad thing is that the Mills will never attain our Boomer level of being cool. They won't be driving the hot muscle cars or wearing the fashions with our panache. Sorry, ladies, but you will never be as cool as your granny, back in the day when she was in school. Bell bottoms and paisley shirts and tie-died t-shirts aren't coming back. Nor are go-go boots and dancing to disco under the reflecting balls over the dance floor. Conversely, the good thing is that men will never yield to the temptation of donning polyester leisure suits, much like what Cousin Eddy wore in Chevy Chase's Christmas Vacation.

Nor are we likely to see women sporting what was known as Big Hair - the beehive hairdos and other similar styles, lacquered into place with copious amounts of hair spray. Today, not so much, except in some parts of the Bible Belt where the motto remains, "The taller the hair, the closer to Jesus. It was popular among many women of the Greats, but not so much with the Boomers. Their accepted uniform was long straight hair, often ironed before going out the door.

There is one sure sign that a Mill has started becoming a Boomer: Dad jokes, such as, "Birdie with a yellow bill hopped upon my windowsill, cocked a shining eye and said, 'What did you do with the light…? Socket?" Tell the joke, and before the groaning stops, ask, "You want another one?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigration

Dear Editor:

Recently all that's on the news is volumes of words, videos, … and antics relating to immigration. So many twists and turns of language and real or contrived points of view, false realities. Today there exists extreme bipolar disagreement of what to do with unauthorized aliens within the United States. There are sanctuary spaces and groups smuggling, transporting, … and conspiring to aid and abetting aliens. Some might wonder, What does the U. S. Law say about immigration?

Regulating immigration started with the Naturalization Act of 1790. Just about every few years something is added or restrictions made. Some notable examples: 1952 Law limiting Chinese with Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1965 Law of Family reunification by Bill Clinton and 2012 Barack Obama Executive action, rejected by courts.

Enough is enough! Some homework is needed to determine what the United States of American Law says about immigration? As usual, when searching the internet there is an abundance of resources. Erica! Today one of the latest immigration Law document is Title 8, U.S.C. 1324(a) Offenses; this document enacted in 1952 and the Illegal Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act updated in 1996.

Informing myself on the immigration topic only took about 30 minutes once the internet search ended.

My first thought was, why are there so few people NOT prosecuted for knowingly conspiring, aiding and abetting unauthorized aliens entering the United States? The possibilities why supporters of aliens are not prosecuted abound; perhaps it's a mystery, special language translations of the Law, … or neglect of responsibility or ignoring ones oath of office? It's clear there are many reasons to ignore and subvert the offenses related to alien smuggling.

The penalties are interesting too:

Basic penalty per smuggled person, one year in prison plus fines

Commercial Advantage 10 years in prison

Serious bodily harm, 20 years in prison

Death from actions, life in prison

There remains a question. Why are there so many diverse issues on unauthorized alien immigration? There exists two entrenched camps of opinion:

One camp is attempting to enforce current U. S. Immigration Law.

A second camp continues to ignore U. S. Immigration Law via Sanctuary policies and litigation.

Interestingly, reading U.S.C. 1324(a) didn't require the use of magical decoder rings or an A. I. language translation. Perhaps accessories of conspiracies will diminish as more people discover the clarity of U. S. Immigration Law? Perhaps, the resolution will be increasing numbers of arrests and prosecutions for smuggling, transporting, … and aid and abetting of unauthorized aliens? Perhaps there will be a dose of reality?

References: AI Google, USCIS.gov, Federal Criminal web, Pew Research Center, Google search U. S. Immigration Law.

Phil Zamlynski

Vote the rascals out

To Mike, The Editor

The interest payments on the national debt now cost more than 1 trillion dollars a year. That is more than our nation spends on the Department of Defense. Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, just passed by the House of Representatives, will add more than 6 trillion dollars to that debt in the next few years.

Why? Do the rich need more tax breaks? Medicare is being gutted. Veterans' benefits are being reduced or eliminated. Research on cancer cures is being eliminated. According to the recent legislation, background checks and registration for gun suppressors are no longer required. Many disabled persons presently receiving Medicare assistance will lose that insurance.

I cannot begin to list all the changes included in the Big Beautiful Bill that will hurt ordinary U.S. citizens, simply to give more tax breaks to the ultra-rich.

There is an election for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate in Michigan in 2026. Remember all those who voted to pass the Big Beautiful Bill. If you agree with the Big Beautiful Bill, vote accordingly.

If you disagree with the recent actions of the U.S. House of Representatives, VOTE THE RASCALS OUT!

Robert G. Beck

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Obituaries

Kenneth Eugene McCreary, 88

Kenneth Eugene McCreary, 88, of Allegan, MI passed away Saturday, May 24, 2025 at his home. Born November 3, 1936 in Niles, MI, he was one of thirteen children born to late Leander Bud McCreary and Ruth Lucile (Wead) McCreary and was the husband of Anna (Kronemeyer) McCreary. Kenneth was a member of Allegan Bible Church where he enjoyed teaching Sunday School and was a valuable and dedicated member of the Love, INC team. He had a happy spirit which he loved to share by making others laugh whenever he was able.

In addition to Anna, his wife of fourteen years,

Kenneth Eugene McCreary

Kenneth is survived by his children, Ken McCreary and Lucynthia Martin; grandchildren, Stephanie Martin, Malina Martin, Amber Martin and Nicolas McCreary; seven great-grandchildren and two-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons, Harold McCreary and Ronald McCreary; his daughter-in-law, Theresa McCreary; and all twelve of his siblings.

The family will receive friends at Allegan Bible Church on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A funeral service will begin at 12:00 PM. Kenneth will be laid to rest in Hudson Corners Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army, 104 Clover Street, Holland, MI 49423.

Tammy Lynn Farrer

Tammy Lynn Farrer's Funeral Service will be on Saturday, June 7th, 2025, at 12:00pm with two hours' visitation beforehand at the Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, located at 528 Trowbridge Street, Allegan Michigan, 49010. Burial to follow at Lindsley Cemetery in Cheshire Township, Allegan Michigan. Her obituary and livestream instructions will be posted on Gorden Funeral Residence Website and Facebook page later this week. Website address is gordenfuneral.com and Facebook page is facebook.com/gordenandchappellfuneral.

Betty Larraine Truax Powers, 93

Betty Larraine (Johnson) Truax Powers (March 12, 1932 - May 9, 2025), beloved mother, grandmother and friend passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025 at the Wings Home surrounded by her loving family. She was 93 years old.

Betty was born on March 12 1932, in Bloomingdale, Michigan to Harry and Ethel Johnson. She lived a life marked by devotion - to her faith, to her family, and to the many friends who were blessed to know her.

A long-time and devoted member of Christ Community Church, Betty found deep joy and strength in her faith. She especially loved listening to Christian hymns, which brought her peace and comfort throughout her life.

Betty's greatest joy was her family. Her home was a place of love and laughter, where she welcomed everyone with warmth and kindness. She treasured time spent with loved ones and

Betty Larraine Truax Powers

found happiness in life's simple pleasures - shopping, playing cards, and enjoying games of bingo with her friends. She also cherished dancing with her beloved husband, Richard, and together the created many joyful memories on the dance floor. She enjoyed traveling with her second husband Bill and his joking nature.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Deborah (Larry) Belden; grandchildren Theresa (Mike) Fuller, Tim (Cheri) Belden, Shannon (Dave) Mills, Kyle (Colleen) Meade, Shelly (Jesse) Larrabee and Kishelle (Shawn) Stahl; step-daughter Robin McAllister and her family; 12 great-grandchildren ; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard "Dick" Truax; her second husband, William "Bill" Powers; her daughter, Connie Housworth; her son-in-law, David Housworth; and her parents, Harry and Ethel Johnson.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at Christ Community Church, located at 3370 113th Ave, Allegan MI. Visitation 11:00 am, Celebration of Life at 12 noon, Luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Community Church or The Wings Home in her honor. Betty will be remembered for her enduring faith, generous heart, and the joy she brought to all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Brent McCormick

Brent McCormick passed away suddenly on May 21st at home living the life he loved.

Brent was an avid outdoorsman, firearm enthusiast, and traveler. He never forgot to say he loved you and was one of the most devoted friends. He was a beloved partner, brother, father, grandfather, and friend who will be so missed.

Brent worked at too many vocations to list but was probably most known for his time in the firearm department at both D&R Sports and Kent Arms. He had a knack for buying and selling and over the last few years he left the 9 – 5 world managing to make a living doing what he loved selling on his eBay site and buying for Polk Auction Company of New Paris, IN.

Brent is survived by his loving partner, Maria Albright, two sons, Justin

Brent McCormick

McCormick (James) of Sarasota, FL and Jordan McCormick (Brittany) of Allegan, MI, one treasured grandson, Liam McCormick, Cody Boysen who was a son in all but name, two siblings, Tresa Miller (Douglas) of Lakeland, FL and Bruce McCormick of Allegan, two cherished nieces, Amanda Miller (Holly) of Winter Haven, FL and Heather Hsueh (Eric) of Guam and their son Winston, nephew Ryan Searles along with many cousins, and two heartbroken dogs.

A celebration of life is planned on June 6th from 3pm to 7pm at The Gathering, LLC, 1058 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI 49010. For those longterm Allegan folks that's the former Eagle Creek Golf Course.

Brent hated getting dressed up so please consider attending in camouflage or your favorite snarky t-shirt.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to your local conservation club, the Holland Kennel Club (for use in providing law enforcement canines), the Allegan Community Foundation for scholarships for criminal justice students, or to Liam's education fund.

Letters to the Editor

Letter Response

Dear Editor,

I agree, Mr. Wilcox, open the Epstein files! Why the focus on the Kennedy assassinations, only to the pain of their families, while ignoring the unfinished business of the Epstein case? I don't have a lot of confidence in this administration to take that bold step at holding sexual predators accountable, but it is worth shouting from the rooftops!!

The real reason I'm prompted to write to you today is to respond to (another) letter from John R. Young in the May 15, 2025 edition of the Allegan County News. Mr. Young, you speak as if your opinions are facts. If only wishing so would make that true. My first thought was that maybe you should go back to whatever was making you "foggy" in your youth and forgo the Kool-Aid you're guzzling as you age! LOL No question, from all of your correspondence, you have consumed a lot of it, and it's not likely you would be deterred from your opinions with any volume of facts or opposing perspectives. However, by your own choice, you have submitted your opinions for publication, and so I feel I must address them.

Why are you comparing a national monument to a piece of artwork in NYC by Times Square Arts? (Not a big issue for me, but not a very intelligent showing for you.)

You follow your description of the statue: "an anonymous, 12' overweight, angry black woman" with "This kind of says it all, doesn't it?" Yes, Mr. Young, it says all I need to know about YOU. As you proceed in your letter on this topic, accusing others of "wallowing in their white guilt," it is apparent that you are the one who carries some guilt. I wouldn't believe there were people that held prejudice, like yours, if I didn't read it in the little old Allegan County News. You're behaving like a bigot, Mr. Young, and no amount of projection will change that truth.

So happy you have "pictures" of the protests so you can pass judgment on those attending and exercising their First Amendment right. I'm so sorry that you care so little about our Constitution and would lower yourself to being so hateful, judgmental, and bitter. There is not one party that is more right or wrong than the other, and we do have room for both in this country. The freedoms afforded in our Constitution are there because of people like YOU.

I applaud every person who pulled out their protest signs to fight on behalf of our young people, to give them the kind of country where opportunity exists for all. You may want to alienate people from those rights, you sure support the activities that are doing so, but we won't let you get away with that so easily. Gear up, Mr. Young, you're in for a lot more demonstrations!!

If you are the example of conservatism in "America," then I see no heart in the movement regardless of what age. No opportunity, no freedom, no equality, and no investment in our future. The quote you share is questionable in origin and accuracy. It cannot be traced specifically to an individual, and the specific wording is questionable. I'm glad it fits your narrative and that you have something to sound like a "fact". According to your quote, it appears that as we age, you believe we become less ethical? You can have a heart and a brain, Mr. Young. The two are not mutually exclusive.

So, are you telling me that "conservative values" include:

Name-calling and bullying people who disagree?

Refusing to follow the Constitutional checks and balances, most recently ignoring a 9-0 Supreme Court Decision?

Anti-business policies, changing on a daily basis, such as attacks on specific businesses, industries, and blanket tariffs?

Flip-flopping on policy so frequently that it is clear there is no plan.

A fiscally irresponsible "big beautiful budget bill" adding to the debt

Avoiding accountability for National Security "leaks"

Arranging meme coins to allow for bribes from foreign leaders directly into the pockets of the Administration

Eliminating the requirement that foreign visitors must register when here on business

What is the point? You have shown on a regular basis that you are immune to fact and totally brainwashed by your sources. Is it because you are a small business? Small trucking company?

Bless you, Mr. Young.
Respectfully, Annie Louis

LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by GordenFuneral Residence. Each month LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice as you the reader move forward through your personal grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help those whom you may know have recently experienced a loss, or traumatic event.

Crisis is no joke! Its ability to cripple us is not a joking manner. One minute you are enjoying life, then BAM! But what if I shared with you that it's negative grip is not as tight as we like to think. Im not saying crisis, trauma, or loss is light situation, it's not. But, if one can set up an internal self-care plan when it's time to put up your dukes, the negative blow is not as severe as it would be without a cognitive plan of action. What you need is a triangle of thought. Your base needs a foundation. The middle needs direction. Top is where the action is.

A foundation is a support system that can be where you put your root down. For me, this is where my Faith is. Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who are burdened, and I will give you rest. Learn from me, I am gentle and lowly in heart. And you will find rest for your soul."

A true solid foundation. Next, He helps to aid in my direction to lead me to whatever I need. Whether its a support group, social activity, or counseling. These outlets can give me the tools I need to arrive at a summit, and take action. This is how I've been able to soften the blow, or loosen the grip in crisis. What ever your foundation is, hopefully its a solid one and able to help you create an action plan as you keep on, LIVING WITH GRIEF.

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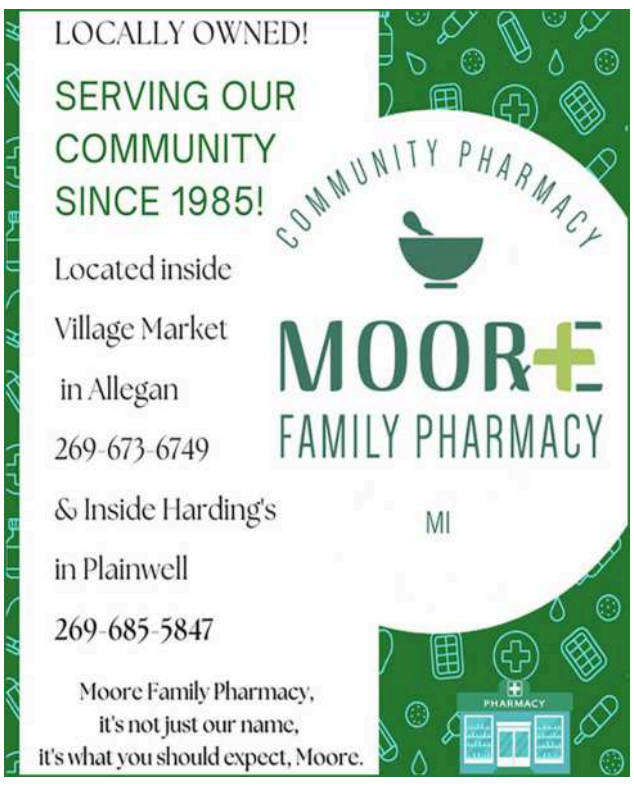

Four fire departments respond to a vacant house fire in Allegan

By Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

Shortly after 11 pm, on Monday, June 2nd, firefighters were dispatched to a house fire in the 300 block of South Cedar Street in Allegan.

Arriving on the scene were firemen from Allegan, Gobles Pine Grove, Hopkins, and Wayland Fire Departments, who worked quickly and diligently to battle the blaze.

According to Gobles Pine Grove FD, crews contained the fire within an hour and a half

The four fire departments were able to save the building, but it is caution-taped off and should be avoided at all costs.

Luckily, the house was vacant, and no injuries were reported.

Curiously, this is the third house fire that Allegan and Gobles Pine Grove Fire Departments have fought within two days. Another vacant house in Gobles, and a house with two outbuildings in Columbia Township (Grand Junction), burned down on Sunday.

The causes of all three fires are currently under investigation.

After a Monday night fire that devastated a vacant home on South Cedar Street in Allegan. After photo by Jordan Wilcox

The damage sustained to the inside of the Cedar Street house. Photo by Jordan Wilcox

Below: During a Monday night fire that devastated a vacant home on South Cedar Street in Allegan. During photo from Emily Pennock on Facebook

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Glenn Public School
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 9, 2025, at 5:15 o'clock p.m., The Board of Education of Glenn Public School will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2025-2026 budget in the Multipurpose Room, located at 1392 Adams Road, Glenn, Michigan.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2025-2026 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 1392 Adams Road, Glenn, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

This notice is given by order of the
Board of Education.
Signed
Natalie Mika, Secretary

Hopkins Township
142 E. Main St. Hopkins, MI 49328
Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Hopkins Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting and Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at Hopkins Township Hall, 128 South Franklin, Hopkins MI, 49328.

The following items will be heard, considered, and possibly have action taken upon them:

1. A request for Special Use from Jayson VanderLaan owner of 2418 14th Street, also known as parcel number 03-10-035-014-00 to construct a detached accessory dwelling unit, per Section 157.054 of the Hopkins Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other such items as come properly before the Planning Commission.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Hopkins Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk at PO Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328, by phone 269-806-7547 or by email to clerk@hopkinstownship.org.

A copy of items summarized herein are available for viewing online at www.hopkinstownship.org.

HOPKINS TOWNSHIP CLERK
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ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
COUNTY PRIMARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M-89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M., Local Time, June 25, 2025, and, at such time, be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

PROJECT NO. 300062 – 1.42 miles of roadway reconstruction including clearing, pavement removal, grade establishment, sand subbase, aggregate base, culvert replacements, HMA paving, and restoration on 106th Avenue from M-89 to Otsego City Limits in Otsego Township, Allegan County. Two-year project with tree removal in 2025 and roadwork in 2026.

Complete specifications, plans, and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website www.alleganroads.org under the Projects link. When accessing plans from the website, please send an email to jkernodle@alleganroads.org to be added to the plan holders list.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Road Commission and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

A bid deposit of at least 5% of the bid amount will be required for this item. The bid deposit may be in the form of certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Allegan.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS: KEEP ITEMS OUT OF STORM DRAINS

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- ✓ Keep garbage out of storm drains. Put litter in trash cans and dispose of toxic substances properly.
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- ✓ Grass clippings clog storm drains and cause water to back up onto the streets. Sweep clippings back on your lawn.
- ✓ Never fertilize before it rains. When it rains, the fertilizer goes into storm drains and causes problems.
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  - → Create small berms and depressions in your garden to hold rain water.
  - → Border your lawn with deep-rooted flowers and shrubs that soak up water and reduce runoff.
- ✓ Landscape to prevent soil erosion.
- ✓ Pick up after your pet. Double bag the waste and put it in the trash (if your community allows) or flush it.

ACSB names Outstanding People for Education

Each year, the Outstanding People for Education Awards shine a spotlight on individuals who go above and beyond to make a positive impact in Allegan County's public schools. From dedicated educators and support staff to volunteers and administrators, these honorees exemplify excellence in education and a commitment to student success.

For 2025, eight local school districts and the Allegan Area ESA selected three recipients to receive this special recognition. The awards, sponsored by the Allegan County School Board Association, were celebrated at a banquet hosted by Allegan Conference Center at Allegan High School on May 28.

Allegan Area ESA

Andrea Jackson – Early Childhood Consultant

Andrea Jackson is a quiet yet powerful force behind some of the most impactful inclusion work happening in our schools. She brings not only expertise, but deep empathy—supporting educators, families, and students with complex needs. Andrea's work has helped expand access to inclusive early childhood and general education programs, and she's always the first to step in and support when challenges arise. Through her leadership, calm presence, and deep belief in every child's potential, Andrea has inspired real, lasting change.

Cherie Owens – Adaptive Physical Education Teacher

Cherie is the heart of Hillside's Adaptive Physical Education program, and her positive energy is felt the moment she walks into the building. She goes above and beyond for her students and teammates, building relationships that make each student feel seen, supported, and capable. Cherie's genuine joy in her work is contagious—she reminds all of us why we do what we do.

Stella Swindell – Building Custodian

Stella, a member of the custodial team at the Tech Center, has quietly become one of the most impactful mentors for students in the Employability Skills class. Though it's not in her job description, she's spent the past three years working one-on-one with special education students—teaching real-world skills with incredible patience, kindness, and care.

Allegan Public Schools

Penny Bishop – Special Education Teacher, West Ward Elementary

Penny Bishop was selected as an Outstanding Person for Education for Allegan Public Schools in recognition of her extraordinary career as a special education teacher. Since joining APS in 1991, Penny has made a lasting difference in the lives of countless students and families. Known for her calm presence, gentle encouragement, and effective teaching strategies, Penny has helped students gain not only academic skills but also confidence and a love for learning. Her classroom is a place where every student feels supported and celebrated—whether through personalized instruction, fun and engaging lessons, or her beloved classroom store.

Mindi Smith – Teacher, Little Tigers Learning Center

Mindi Smith was selected as an Outstanding Person for Education for Allegan Public Schools because of her extraordinary commitment to children and student athletes across the district. Whether nurturing toddlers as a daycare teacher or lifting spirits as President of the Allegan Sports Boosters, Mindi brings warmth, energy, and heart to everything she does. Families describe her as a trusted caregiver, creative activity leader, and tireless advocate who forms lasting connections with students of all ages. Through her leadership with the Boosters, she champions athletics behind the scenes—organizing fundraisers, planning special events, and ensuring teams have the uniforms, equipment, and support they need.

Erika Zimmer – First Grade Teacher, West Ward Elementary

Erika Zimmer was selected as an Outstanding Person for Education for Allegan Public Schools for her dedication to her students, colleagues, and school community. As a first-grade teacher, Erika is known for creating a warm, welcoming environment where all students feel safe, seen, and valued. She celebrates positive behavior, encourages curiosity, and works tirelessly to ensure every child feels a sense of belonging and success. Parents appreciate her cheerful communication, attentiveness, and unwavering commitment to their child's growth. Beyond the classroom, Erika has led a number of school-wide initiatives—such as STEM Night, Reading Night, and engaging field trips—that enrich the learning experience for all students.

Fennville Public Schools

Julie Cossey – Fennville Elementary School Administrative Assistant

Julie Cossey is the heart and soul of Fennville Elementary School, with her dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the smooth operation of the school, making her an indispensable part of the Fennville community. With her warm smile and steady presence, she ensures that students, staff, and families feel supported, valued, and cared for every day. Julie's role goes far beyond managing schedules and answering phone calls; she is the glue that holds the many moving parts of the school together. Whether comforting a nervous parent, assisting a student in need, or juggling multiple responsibilities with grace and efficiency, she handles it all with a positive attitude and genuine care for those around her.

David McEntyre – Fennville Alternative High School Teacher

David McEntyre, affectionately known as "Mr. Mac" to his students, is a steady force, mentor, and comic relief at Fennville Alternative High School. His dedication to education spans across the district, where he has empowered students and staff to reach their goals with integrity, perseverance, and a great sense of humor. In the classroom, he creates an environment where students feel respected, supported, and at ease. His calm strength and adaptability help him tackle any challenge, while his genuine mentorship guides students out of their comfort zones and toward adulthood. Whether sharing wisdom from his life experiences or offering practical advice, his conversations leave a lasting impact. His commitment to students extends beyond academics, ensuring they feel seen, heard, and capable of achieving success.

Jaime Onken – Fennville Middle School ESL Teacher

Jaime Onken is a dedicated ESL teacher at Fennville Middle School, providing invaluable support to both students and staff. Her support for both students and staff extends far beyond the classroom, making her a pillar of the school community. As a mentor to both students and colleagues, she actively collaborates with fellow educators, offering guidance, brainstorming strategies, and implementing new ideas to enhance student learning. One of her many contributions includes co-developing a silent reading program that encourages deeper engagement with choice reading books through structured note-taking—an initiative that has already shown positive results. In addition to teaching, she assists with scheduling, summer school, classroom support, and mentoring new educators.

Glenn Public School

Barb Null – Special Education Teacher

Barb Null is a true force in education—a dedicated, passionate, and inspiring individual who has gone above and beyond at every level. Barb brings discipline, heart, and resilience to her work. Her passion for teaching is unmatched, and she gives countless hours, always eager to lend a hand wherever it's needed. Barb's commitment is personal. She drives an hour each way just to support one student—yet her impact reaches so many more. No student in need ever goes unnoticed by Barb. She is also a powerful mentor to new educators, guiding them with experience, encouragement, and joy.

Michael Westra - Coach

Michael Westra is more than just a coach—he's a mentor, motivator, and a source of lasting inspiration. Through his dedication to his students and his passion for running, he helps others not only achieve their goals but also believe in themselves along the way. His encouragement and support have made a deep impact, helping students grow stronger—physically and mentally. One student shared that Mr. Westra helped them decide to stay committed to running, a decision that will stick with them forever.

Victoria Willey - Before & After School Coordinator

Victoria is a highly valued coworker and an essential part of our team. Her unwavering dedication and willingness to support others—often stepping in outside of her normal work hours—make her a standout among our staff. Victoria consistently brings a calm, confident presence to every situation, forming quick connections with students, especially those who present the biggest challenges. She has a special gift for building meaningful, trusting relationships with students, and her daily efforts have earned her their respect in ways that truly matter.

Hopkins Public Schools

Kaitlyn Dudek - Physical Education and Health Teacher

Kaitlyn joined our staff at Hopkins High School in the fall of 2023, and from her very first day, she has brought with her a passion and dedication that have inspired all of those around her. For the past two years, Kaitlyn has not only excelled as a Physical Education and Health teacher but also as a mentor and coach for the students of Hopkins. Her commitment to the students and athletes goes above and beyond what is expected, and her positive influence can be felt throughout the entire school.

Deb Tew - Secretary

For the past 25 years, Mrs. Tew (as referred to by the students) has been a fixture in the Hopkins High School Office. Deb possesses all the qualities of an excellent staff member. She has been that calm, caring, motherly voice in the office for so long--calming fears, lending a listening ear, or just supporting in any way she can. In fact, in a way, she's almost too good at this... Some days, she would struggle to get any work done at times because she is such a trusted, listening confidant to all staff and students, and is visited by them frequently!

Samantha Legg - Hopkins Elementary Teacher

Sam is a 5th-grade teacher at Hopkins Elementary. She joined the Hopkins staff in August of 2015, and I can proudly say that I was charged with the task of hiring her. She is honest, understanding, and the reason to believe that there are amazing teachers in this world. Hands down, she is doing what she is supposed to be doing in life.

Every day, Sam greets her students with warmth, respect, and genuine concern. In her classroom, she meets each of her students where they are and celebrates their individual successes as if they were her own children. You can feel the compassion that she has for her students from the moment you walk through her classroom door.

Martin Public Schools

Sarah Engelmann – Teacher – ECSE & Level 1

Being a Special Education teacher requires immense patience, compassion, and a deep understanding of individual needs. Sarah Engelmann exemplifies all of these qualities and more. Known for her unwavering dedication, Sarah brings her whole heart to the classroom each day. She takes time to understand what each student needs and builds strong, nurturing relationships, treating every child as if they were her own.

One parent shared, "It is my son's favorite part of the day when he gets to go to her room. She is a shining example of what this award means."

Amber Lenhart – Teacher – 1st Grade

First grade teacher Amber Lenhart is praised for creating a classroom that blends structure with joy, where students feel encouraged and supported. Known for her fast, open communication with families and her consistently warm demeanor, Amber has built strong, trusting relationships with both students and parents.

"She's always smiling and so great with each student," a parent shared. "My son loves going to school because he loves having her as a teacher."

Noah Miller – Teacher – Band & Choir

In just over three years, music educator Noah Miller has transformed Martin's music program from a small, struggling group into a dynamic, thriving band and choir. Through dedication, creativity, and an ability to connect with students on a meaningful level, Miller has created a culture where students feel inspired and supported.

Under his leadership, the band program has more than doubled in size, performed at college events, traveled to competitions, and created treasured memories for students. As one nomination noted, "His greatest achievement lies in the lasting positive influence on students' lives."

Otsego Public Schools

Dee Basse – Art Teacher

Dee has been a light for students and staff. She's described as inspiring and someone who, when you're around her, instantly changes your mood and you want to do better. She had a huge heart for everyone! Her instructional engagement is captivating… her belief in students radiates through everything she does. She calls all her students "artists" which sends the message that we are all capable of being artists and is a huge confidence boost. Dee has also volunteered her time and talents to two staff events - both were paint-alongs. One was to invite staff to create art alongside her art club students and the other for our Mental Health Awareness Initiative.

Jen Evans - Elementary Teacher, Dix Street Elementary

One of Jen's nominations began with "Jen Evans is the teacher I wish I had growing up." She supports each student in their own way… rises to the occasion by building relationships with them, loving them, and teaching them in a way that works best for them. She understands the importance of championing children on their journey. I quote "She's a skilled master at coming alongside a child and coaching them through advocating for themselves and their needs." One student shared "Mrs. Evans always makes sure we feel safe and respected, all of us, even if we struggle or have a hard time. She's the best teacher and makes going to school fun."

Kristin VanWyk – Elementary Teacher, Dix Street Elementary

Kristin made an incredible impact in particular with one family and their daughter who has some medical needs. They praise Kristin for going above and beyond to ensure this student doesn't fall behind and doesn't miss out on the fun of kindergarten while making sure she knows she's thinking of her when she has to miss school. To quote her nomination: "Kristin is so much more than just a kindergarten teacher. She is an excellent advocate, an emotionally safe person, someone my daughter can look up to, a staff member that exemplifies includes and a teacher that goes above and beyond to not only set her students up for academic success but also build a love for being school."

Plainwell Community Schools

Sarah Boven – ELL Teacher and ESL Coordinator

Sarah Boven has been a dedicated member of Plainwell Community Schools since 2001, taking on various roles throughout her tenure. Upon graduating from Western Michigan University, she began her journey at PHS as a French teacher. Shortly thereafter, she expanded her role by teaching Spanish, as well as leading event planning and world cultures classes. Her impactful contribution to the community has been significant, especially in advancing the English Language program. During her time assisting the language department at Plainwell Middle School, she initiated the development of the EL program. By 2023, she transitioned to a full-time role as an ELL teacher and ESL coordinator for the district. In this capacity, Sarah offers essential English Language development and support to high school students.

Sarah's influence on the Plainwell community is widely recognized. Although many contribute to making Plainwell a more welcoming environment for English Language Learners, Sarah stands out for her unwavering commitment to integrating foreign exchange students, refugees from Bethany Christian Services, as well as other English learners.

Elizabeth Gallagher – Marketing & Communications

Elizabeth Gallagher joined Plainwell Community Schools in 2019, where she oversees the district's Marketing and Communications. Throughout the last five years, she has taken immense pride in representing Plainwell Community Schools, highlighting all that is exceptional about PCS. Tasked with building a brand, she channeled her passion for design and creativity to craft a new narrative for the "Trojan's story." From capturing moments through the camera lens to promoting upcoming events/programs, to sharing the latest Trojan news, her role is filled with an endless amount of Plainwell Pride!

Jenny Kidder – Plainwell Middle School ELA & Spanish Teacher

Fresh out of college in 2008, Jenny Kidder began her teaching career after her first-ever interview at Plainwell Middle School. She quickly earned a reputation as a teacher who fosters strong connections with both students and staff. Over her 17 years at PCS, she has consistently taught 8th-grade English Language Arts and Spanish. Her incredible demeanor with students, has allowed her to build a classroom atmosphere of mutual respect. Jenny firmly believes that every child can learn, regardless of labels, background or previous experiences. She cherishes the opportunity to contribute to a positive classroom atmosphere and considers it a privilege to be a part of her students' educational journey.

Throughout her time at PCS, Jenny has also served on the school leadership team and for many years was ELA department chair. In her time as department chair, she increased the rigor in the academic curriculum, while developing a strong cohesive team. She did so by showing empathy while staying true to her core beliefs regarding student learning.

Wayland Union Schools

Karri Bailey - Principal, Steeby Elementary

Karri Bailey has been a staff member at Wayland Union Schools for almost 17 years. This school year, she took on the role of Principal at Steeby Elementary. She has changed the culture within the building by focusing on empathy, compassion, integrity and respect. From day one, she has demonstrated an outstanding ability to listen to and understand the needs of both staff and parents, fostering a strong sense of collaboration and trust within the school community. Through her thoughtful and inclusive approach, Karri quickly became a respected leader, guiding the school with vision and purpose. Her belief in the potential of every student is clear in her actions as she relentlessly works to create opportunities that break down any barriers that may hinder a student's success. With her "all means all" approach, she challenges traditional thinking and dismantles the limitations historically placed on students and staff members.

Jamie Berens - Clerical Aide, Dorr Elementary

Jamie Berens has been a beloved staff member of Dorr Elementary serving as a clerical aide since 2017. Known for her creativity and warmth, she is constantly looking for new ways to connect with students and their families. Last school year, Jamie launched the Snow Day Challenge, which encourages students to participate in a meaningful challenge, such as writing their teacher a kind note when school is closed due to inclement weather. By inviting families to share their participation on social media, she helped maintain a strong sense of community and fun, no matter the weather. Jamie is the first face families see when they arrive at school each day, she is always striving to build positive relationships.

Deb Wagner - Kitchen Manager, Wayland Union High School

Deb Wagner, a proud Wayland Union Schools alumni, has been a vital employee in our district for the past 27 years. As the current kitchen manager at the high school, Deb brings passion, precision, and heart to every aspect of her work. Each day, she leads her team in preparing restaurant-quality meals for over 800 students, ensuring that both breakfast and lunch are not only nutritious, but made with care. Always eager to innovate, Deb was instrumental in launching the Global Eats program - an exciting culinary journey that introduces students to the cuisine from a new country each month. Through this program, she broadens the students' palates and fosters a deeper appreciation for cultures around the world.

Martin students wins logo design contest

L to R: Valli Virgo-Caperton, Graphic Art & Design Instructor, Allegan Tech Center; Madeline Jonker, Graphic Art & Design Student, Allegan Tech Center; Robert Smith, Executive Board Chair, Career Education Planning District Council; Joe Tenbusch, Allegan Tech Center Principal/CTE Director

Madeline Jonker, a recent graduate of Martin Public Schools (Class of 2025) and a standout student from the Allegan Tech Center's Graphic Art & Design program, has been named the winner of a highly competitive statewide logo design contest. Jonker's winning submission was chosen to represent the Michigan Career Education Planning District (CEPD) Council, a statewide group consisting of fifty-three Career & Technical Education (CTE) administrators from all counties throughout the state.

Winning the contest is a significant honor that saw Madeline's design selected from over 100 entries submitted by Career and Technical Education (CTE) students across Michigan. The CEPD Council sought a fresh, modern logo, and Jonker's design clearly captivated the judges.

Madeline's journey began at the Allegan Tech Center, where she completed two years in the Graphic Art & Design program.

Her dedication and talent quickly became apparent, earning her an invitation to return for a second year as part of the Work-Based Learning program. What truly sets Madeline apart is her unique artistic perspective, cultivated through a background in fine art; she has enjoyed painting since the eighth grade. This artistic sensibility undoubtedly contributed to the creativity and originality of her winning logo.

Beyond her academic accomplishments, Madeline has already established herself as a successful freelance artist. She has illustrated two published books for author Randy Spohn and is currently engrossed in illustrating a third. While she does not plan to attend college at this time, Madeline intends to continue her thriving freelance work while also embarking on an entrepreneurial venture to start her own daycare business.

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The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:30pm at Martin Township, 998 Templeton St, Martin MI 40070

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 9.94% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 4.18% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

The yard sale signs are now in full bloom throughout the area. This week's questions: Do you go to yard sales? Do you hold one or more?

-Woman near the Fennville Post Office: Eyes light up. "Yes. I love going to them. My girlfriends and I usually go a few times a month. My boyfriend hates it and won't go with me."

-Couple near the Fennville hardware store: Man: "Can't stand 'em. It's a waste of time and money as far as I'm concerned." Woman: "I like them. I go once in a while just to see what's out there. I got enough stuff I ought to have one, I guess." Man: "Now you're talking."

-Man near the Allegan Public Library: "Not a chance. I wouldn't go to one if you paid me."

-Young mother and children, same location: "Sure we go. I give each of them a dollar so they can pick out something they want. It's cheap entertainment on a Saturday. One of the children, "I think they're neat. You can find all sorts of stuff."

-Young couple near A-Tech: Man: "Yup. We pretty much furnished our house with some good stuff that we bought cheap. You know, our kitchen table and chairs, some lamps, things like that." Woman: "When we're counting pennies it helps a lot. Sometimes later on in the day they practically give the stuff away."

-Two older women near the Huntington Bank: First one: "We go every weekend. That and the antique sale at the fairgrounds. I look for toys for the grandchildren." Second woman: "I look for antiques for a dealer friend of mine."

-Older couple, same location; Woman: "My neighbor lady and I, we always have a yard sale a couple of times every summer. We like doing it, and we make some money. I won't tell you how much." When asked where she finds things for her sale, she said, "By going to other sales." Husband added, "Yeah, and she lets me pay for the stuff which is why she makes any money."

-Woman: "I've been going to them for years, ever since my first was born. I didn't like giving my kids hand-me-downs, but…. I still go, looking for books and clothes and toys for them."

-Woman near Minnie's: "I don't go to them sales, but my husband does. You should see the stuff he drags home - books he'll never read, old records, things like that. He says some day he'll have a sale, but right now our basement is a hoarder's paradise. All that stuff is going to be worth a lot of money, he says."

Plainwell actor who played Howard the Duck and Chuckie dies

Ed Gale, who grew up in Plainwell, who made his film debut wearing the "Howard the Duck" suit and went on to play Chuckie in "Child's Play" and two other films in the series, died Tuesday in Los Angeles. He was 61.

His niece Kayse Gale wrote on Facebook, "It is with a heavy heart and a surprisingly light coffin (see what I did there?) that we announce the sudden passing of our uncle, Ed Gale. Ed Gale has taken his final bow and is now headlining in the afterlife. Ed hitched a ride to California when he was twenty years old, with $41 and a dream, and he never looked back. He lit up the silver screens in cult classic films like Howard the Duck and Chopper Chicks in Zombie Town, earning himself some serious street cred at every con he attended. Which he never stopped bragging about. Ever.

Ed's favorite role was that of the 'fun uncle.' His love language was sharing his love of the entertainment industry and the magic of Hollywood with his nieces.

"Ed loved 7 eleven hotdogs with disgusting amounts of ketchup. He enjoyed reminiscing about his glory days DJing at the Plainwell roller rink. He hated Bill Maher for no good reason. He delighted in the slow buildup of telling a good story, and cheating at cribbage. He had one hell of a laugh, and he will be missed. Rest in love you cranky bastard," she concluded.

Gale went on to wear the devilish doll suit in "Child's Play 2" and "Bride of Chucky," costumed as the possessed doll with the soul of a serial killer.

The Pollinator Garden buzzes with activity

By Gari Voss

The City of Allegan's Pollinator Garden was buzzing with activity during a workday on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 10am-1pm. This is the third year that the Allegan Conservation District has been revamping the corner of Trowbridge and Cedar Streets to create a pollinator garden by using native plants that will attract and feed butterflies, bees and birds. Allegan community members can participate in the workdays and learn about the plants and their aesthetic and environmental values to the area.

The guiding philosophy of the Allegan Conservation District is that decisions on conservation issues should be made at the local level, by local people. The Allegan City Council accepted the Conservation District's offer to organize the corner that had been lying dormant since the community garden was unable to keep up with the work.

Members of the Allegan Conservation District staff rolled up their sleeves to dig through clay and roots to begin the clearing and planting process. With a grant, Conservation Technician Jason Cass was able to hire landscape designer Christopher Hart (Hartscapes LLC) to organize last year's working party. Methodically, native plants are being added.

Those wishing to assist with the Pollinator Garden can contact Jason Cass at Allegan.Admin@macd.org.

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to various members of the graduating class.

"The Cleypools' speech was excellent," Reed said. "The way they highlighted individual students really speaks to the relationships they build in the classroom and the lasting impact they've had here at OHS. It was heartfelt and very different, in a really good way."

Perhaps the most memorable moment of the ceremony for Reed came at the beginning when he asked any OHS alumni to stand and be recognized.

"I was shocked by how many people stood," he said. "At least half of the audience stood up. It was such a powerful reminder of the lasting connection our community has with OHS, and vice versa."

And while the members of the Class of 2025 are done with their journey at OHS, they're legacy will live on.

"Every graduating class has its own personality, and this one brought positive energy with them throughout high school," Reed said. "They'll be missed by everyone who worked with them, and the building already feels a little emptier without them here."

Actor/Plainwell native Ed Gale passes away at 61

Ed Gale

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Retired actor Ed Gale, a Plainwell native who made his film debut in "Howard the Duck" and later played Chucky in the first several "Child's Play" movies, passed away on Tuesday, May 27. He was 61.

Gale, who was born with dwarfism and stood 3-foot-4, headed to Hollywood to chase his dream after graduating from Plainwell High School.

Gale's niece, Kayse Gale, shared the news of her uncle's death in a tribute posted on Facebook.

"It is with a heavy heart and a surprisingly light coffin (see what I did there?) that we announce the sudden passing of our uncle," Kayse Gale wrote. "Ed Gale has taken his final bow and is now headlining in the afterlife."

According to Kayse Gale, her uncle left for California when he was 20 years old. He had "$41 and a dream, and he never looked back."

Gale's big break came in 1986 the form of "Howard the Duck," in which he wore the suit for the title character.

He later portrayed horror icon Chucky in several of the "Child's Play" movies.

"He lit up the silver screens in cult classic films like Howard the Duck' and 'Chopper Chicks in Zombie Town,' earning himself some serious street cred at every con he attended," Kayse Gale wrote. "Which he never stopped bragging about. Ever."

According to Kayse Gale, her uncle appeared in combination of more than 130 movies, TV shows and commercials.

"With this wide-ranging body of work, he leaves behind legacy full of questionable lighting and amazing one-liners," Kayse Gale wrote. "(But) Ed's favorite role was that of the 'fun uncle.' His love language was sharing his love of the entertainment industry and the magic of Hollywood with his nieces."

Gale also had roles in such films as "Spaceballs," "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and "The Polar Express." "Baywatch," "3rd Rock From the Sun," "My Name is Earl" and "Bones" were among the TV shows in which he appeared.

And even though he continued to reside in California until his death, Gale never forgot his Plainwell roots, according to his niece.

"(Gale) enjoyed reminiscing about his glory days DJing at the Plainwell roller rink," she said. "He hated Bill Maher for no good reason. He delighted in the slow build up of telling a good story and cheating at cribbage. He had one hell of a laugh, and he will be missed."

Body recovered in Kalamazoo River

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—A man's body was found and removed from the Kalamazoo River in Otsego Township on Tuesday, May 27. It happened just after 2:30 p.m.

The discovery of the body comes 10 days after a man went missing in the river in Plainwell. Authorities from the Allegan County Sheriff's Office believe the two incidents are related, stating the body is "likely related to a previous report of a missing person who was witnessed going under the water on the river near Plainwell City."

Officials declined to identify the man at the time, stating they were waiting for the victim to be positively identified by the medical examiner's office.

There were no signs of foul play, authorities said.

Several agencies assisted the Sheriff's Office in the recovery, including the Plainwell Department of Public Safety, the Allegan County Dive Rescue team, Plainwell EMS and the Allegan County Medical Examiner's Office.

Presentation given to Otsego commissioners

By John Raffel
Correspondent

OTSEGO — Otsego Finance Director Brian Kelley presented the Water, Sewer, and Motor Pool Funds for the fiscal year 2025-2026 at a recent commission meeting. Anticipated revenue for the Sewer Fund is $1,348,130, and anticipated expense is $1,414,282. Sewer Fund capital improvement projects are planned in the amount of $228,000. Anticipated revenue for the Water Fund is $772,680, and anticipated expense is $1,117,268.

No Capital improvements are planned. Kelly noted that there is a proposed increase in the base Readiness to Serve Fee in the Sewer Fund from $53.94 to $55.61 (3.10%); and an increase in the commodity charge from $9.46 to $9.75/1,000 gallons (3.07 percent).

The Water Fund Base Readiness to Serve Fee will be increased from $22.26 to $23.37 (4.99 percent); and an increase in the commodity charge from $2.36 to $2.48/1,000 gallons (5.08 percent).

The Readiness to Serve Fees illustrated are based on 5/8"- 3/4"residential service meters. Sewer Tap-In Fees will be increased to $2,500 (plus materials) and Water Tap-In Fees will be increased to $2,000 (plus materials). Anticipated revenues for the DPW Motor Pool Fund $279,500, anticipated expenditures $378,525. Capital Outlay of $110,000, for a sewer jet and bucket truck rehab.

Also at the meeting, Marty Bennett, of T.O.P – Together Otsego Prospers gave a brief presentation on the following: the current Board Members; the history of the organization; and the announcement of many of the events that they are having in 2025. He encouraged anyone interest in the events or volunteering to visit the T.O.P website or their Facebook Page, for more information.

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FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Plainwell Central Administration Building, 600 School Drive, Plainwell, Michigan, the Board of Education of Plainwell Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2025-2026 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2025-2026 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Administrative Offices located in the Administration Building, 600 School Drive, Plainwell.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Gill Lunhanr, Secretary
Plainwell Community Schools
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(269)685-5823

CITY OF PLAINWELL
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CITY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 7.4 of the City of Plainwell Charter, that a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Plainwell for fiscal year 2024-2025 will be held at 7:00p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025, in the Council Room of City Hall at 211 North Main Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080.

The City Council may not adopt the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget until after the public hearing. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing regarding the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget shall be on file and available to the public during normal office hours at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 211 North Main Street, Plainwell, MI, for a period of not less than one (1) week prior to such public hearing.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is given by order of the Plainwell City Council.

The City of Plainwell is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of this meeting or the facilities, are asked to contact JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk, at 269-685-6821 promptly to allow the City of Plainwell to make reasonable accommodations.

Dated: May 30, 2025

JoAnn Leonard
Clerk, City of Plainwell

NOTICE
FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Plainwell Board of Education of the Plainwell Comnmmnity Schools will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 2.5208 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2025.

The hearing will be held on June 16 at 6:00 pm at Plainwell Central Administration Building, 600 School Drive, Plainwell, Michigan.
The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 14.73% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 1.68% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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Otsego's Hoffman sets record in 3,200 at D2 State Finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—Otsego junior Emma Hoffman made some history at the Division 2 Girls Track State Finals on Saturday, May 31.

With a win in the 1,600 (personal-best 4:52.86) already under her belt, Hoffman won the 3,200 with a meet-record time of 10:27.44.

Those two wins capped an unbeaten season for Hoffman.

"I feel like we have been building towards the State Finals all season," Otsego coach Justin Scott said. "It's this destination that just sits on the horizon beckoning. Each accomplishment throughout the season simply opened the pathway to the next stop.

"Today, it was time to see what would happen when Emma's journey reached the State Finals. And it was a thing of beauty."

Hoffman has verbally committed to compete for the University of Colorado after graduating next year.

"What Emma accomplished this season is nothing short of amazing," Scott said. "Very few people on this earth can match the amount of discipline, dedication and effort it takes to accomplish the things Emma has this season.

"Watching her efforts and sacrifices culminate in an emphatic victory against her opponents and against history was legendary. She is a special athlete that is so deserving of the recognition and accolades that she has received this year."

Wayland's Evie Mathis joined Hoffman in winning a state title, doing so in pole vault at 11-9.

Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker finished second in the 100 hurdles (14.65) to earn All-State, which goes to the top eight finishers. She was 10th in the 300 hurdles at 47.36.

The area's other All-State performances came from Hopkins 4x100 relay team of Annika Ford, Kambria Moored, Ellarie Baugh and Riley Homrich (fourth at 49.62); Moored in the 300 hurdles (fifth at 46.29); and Plainwell's Jadyn Erdody in discus (eighth at 120-2). Erdody also placed 24th in the 300 hurdles (49.84).

Other county athletes who competed in the D2 Girls Finals were: Homrich in the 100 (ninth at 12.54); Plainwell's 4x100 relay team of Hailey Newcomb, Delainey Poel, Nyra Cross and Alayna Ranney (13th at 50.71); Allegan's Bailey Dilley in pole vault (18th at 9-3); Otsego's Oliva Klimp in long jump (21st at 15-6); Plainwell's Mai Nguyen in the 3,200 (22nd at 11:54.96); Otsego's Audrey Holmes in shot put (23rd at 33-7.25; Hopkins' Keilah Bonga in discus (24th at 85-8); and Otsego's Madden Fitzpatrick in shot put (25th at 33-1.5).

Otsego's Emma Hoffman (right) congratulates a competitor during the State Finals. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Allegan's Jayden VandenAkker

Allegan beats Hopkins in shootout

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SOUTH HAVEN—For the second year in a row, a district girls soccer contest between Allegan and Hopkins came down to a shootout.

And for the second year in a row, it was the Tigers who came out on top

In a Division 3 district final at South Haven on Friday, May 30, Allegan and Hopkins finished overtime deadlocked at 2-2.

Two 10-minute overtime periods didn't change the score, sending the game to a shootout.

And with the shootout going to each team's seventh kicker, Allegan prevailed 4-3 on penalty kicks to claim the 3-2 victory.

The district championship is just the second for Allegan in program history.

"This is definitely a big accomplishment for us," Allegan coach Paul Legge said. "We have seven seniors this year, and this group has played together since they were young. So, this means a ton to them as it is their last time playing together."

The fact that this will be Legge's final season as a high school coach makes the district title even more meaningful.

"With this being my last high school season coaching, it means a ton to me as well, of course," Legge said.

With the score deadlocked at 1-1 at halftime, Allegan took a 2-1 lead on a goal from Ireland Ashley at the 33:58 mark of the second half. Alyssa Macherzac—who scored Allegan's first-half goal—was credited with the assist.

And that's where the score stayed until, with 9:17 left in regulation, Hopkins came through with the equalizer that ultimately sent the game to overtime.

Following the scoreless overtime sessions, it was time for the shootout.

"I felt pretty good going into the shootout with Mya (Corbett) in goal," Legge said. "She won in the shootout last season as well against Hopkins."

In the opening round of five penalty kicks, the teams matched each other goal for goal: both squads converted in the first, third and fourth rounds, while being stopped in the second and fifth rounds.

That moved the shootout to the sudden-death round, and both teams failed to score on the first attempt. Allegan's attempt hit the crossbar, while Corbett made a save on Hopkins' attempt.

Then Macherzak stepped up for her chance for Allegan and converted, giving the Tigers a 4-3 lead in the PKs. That set the stage for Corbett, who made the save to preserve the win.

"As the shootout progressed, I was a little unsure of how things were going to go as we missed so key PKs," Legge said. "When it got to sudden death shooters, I felt better knowing Mya was in the net. She came up with a big save and on to the regional we go."

Allegan Samantha TerAvest (16) races for the ball. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Tigers finish sixth at Finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MIDLAND—At the Division 4 Girls Tennis State Finals on Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31, Allegan advanced to the semifinals in three flights.

That helped the Tigers rack up 11 points to secure a sixth-place finish, marking the top finish for a public school.

Ann Arbor Greenhills won the state championship with 38 points, while Notre Dame Prep (28 points), Traverse City St. Francis (20), Wixom St. Catherine (19) and Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard (12) rounded out the top five.

Allegan coach Damien Arthur was understandably proud of his squad, which was make in the State Finals following a one-year hiatus.

"It was an incredible experience at the Finals this year," Arthur said. "Overall, I'm really proud of how our young team performed. Finishing sixth overall marks our best placement since 2019, and making it to the semifinals in the most flights we've had in several years is a huge milestone for us."

No. 1 singles Addy Fales was one of the flight semifinalists for Allegan, winning her first two matches by scores of 6-0, 6-0 and 6-2, 6-3 after an opening-round bye.

Fales, who was seeded fourth, dropped a 6-1, 6-1 semifinals decision to top-seed and eventual state champ Maddie Morgan of Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Also making it to the semifinals were the No. 2 doubles team of Ireland Dewey/Madison Cook and the No. 4 doubles team of Shy Thompson/Lilli Kelley. Both were seeded sixth, meaning they outperformed their seed by making it to the semis.

"What stood out to me the most was how well our relatively young team shined on the biggest stage," Arthur said. "Despite our youth and inexperience compared to some other teams, we performed consistently and showed great composure under pressure."

Allegan's other two points came from the No. 1 doubles team of Hanna Kievit/Taylor Fuller. Seeded fourth, Kievit/Fuller won their first match 7-5, 6-1 after receiving an opening-round bye.

They lost a heartbreaker in the quarterfinals, falling 4-6, 7-6, 7-5.

The Tigers' performance in the State Finals was the perfect way to cap the season, according to Arthur.

"The season as a whole was a testament to our growth, teamwork and resilience," he said. "We faced challenges, but those only made our successes even more rewarding.

"We're excited to build on this momentum and come back even stronger next year."

The Allegan girls tennis team had the best finish of any public school at the D4 State Finals. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck claims regional championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—After finishing second at regionals each of the past two years, members of the Saugatuck boys golf team set a goal of winning a regional championship this year.

Mission accomplished.

Competing on their home turf at Clearbrook Golf Course, the Trailblazers amassed a score of 328 to finish nine strokes ahead of runner-up McBain Northern Michigan Christian at a Division 4 regional on Wednesday, May 28.

Grandville Calvin Christian placed third at 342 to secure the final qualifying spot for the Division 4 State Finals.

The regional title is the first for Saugatuck since 2006.

"Obviously, we're really excited about this regional championship," Saugatuck coach Brian Ward said. "After being runner-up the last two years, it was awesome to get over that hump and win one."

According to Ward, adding to what has been a rich history for the program is rewarding.

"Our program has had a long history of success going back to the mid-2000s, including a state title in 2005 and a state runner-up in2008. So, to be able to add to that legacy means a lot to me as a coach.

"We've been very successful for the past three or four years, winning conference the last two years and qualifying for state the last three years. But to actually be able to put a (regional) trophy in the case, to put a number up on the banner in the gym, really cements that hard work that these players have put into the program."

Freshman Grant Schrotenboer led the charge for Saugatuck, shooting a team-best 78. That put him second on the individual leaderboard behind Tri-Unity Christian's Hezekiah Nobel, who shot a 71.

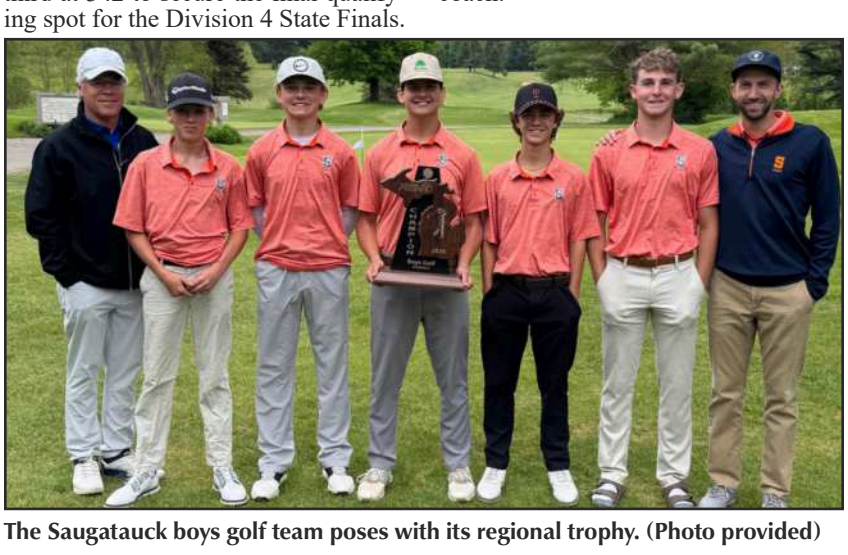
Senior Cam Lewis followed Schrotenboer with an 81, while juniors Noah Conklin and Nickolas Mohr rounded out Saugatuck's scoring golfers. They posted scores of 84 and 85, respectively.

Freshman MacLean Larue also competed for the Trailblazers, carding a 104.

And while pleased with the regional title, Ward said he and his athletes are far from satisfied.

"We're currently ranked fifth in the state for Division 4 and I know that my guys are capable of putting up some low scores," he said. "If we can get four guys playing well on the same day, there's no reason we can't add something else to the trophy case."

The Division 4 State Finals are slated for Ferris State University's Katke Course beginning Friday, June 6.


The Saugatauck boys golf team poses with its regional trophy. (Photo provided)

Hamilton tennis places ninth at Finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ANN ARBOR—It was a top-10 finish for Hamilton at the Division 3 Girls Tennis State Finals on Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31.

The Hawkeyes won at least won match in five of eight flights, helping them to a ninth-place showing with nine points.

Detroit Country Day emerged with the state title, amassing 34 points. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (32) was runner-up, with Bloomfield Hills Marian (22) and Grand Rapids Christian (18) followed.

Erin Meiste had the most success in the singles flights for Hamilton, making it to the third round at No. 2. She received an opening-round bye before besting Vicksburg's Maya Grossman 6-3, 3-6, 10-7.

At No. 3 singles, Maya Wettlaufer earned a point by posting a 6-2, 6-3 win over Haslett's Kaia Anastor in the first round.

Three of Hamilton's doubles teams advanced to the third round: No. 2 Abigail Atwood/Sophia Blauwkamp; No. 3 Allison Lezman/Sophia Jorba Martinez; and No. 4 Maddie Jipping/Taylor Heer.

All three of those doubles teams had opening-round byes before winning matches in the second round.

B&C Trophy and Apparel, Inc. ATHLETE of the WEEK

Emma Hoffman
Otsego
Girls Track

Otsego junior running sensation Emma Hoffman completed her stellar, unbeaten season with a pair of state championships.

Competing at the Division 2 State Finals at Hamilton on Saturday, May 31, Hoffman won the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:52.86, setting a new personal record. She then set a new meet record in winning the 3,200, finishing at 10:27.44.

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Wayland softball secures district championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MIDDLEVILLE—Close your eyes. Now imagine yourself hitting a grand slam in a playoff game. Can you see it your mind?

Wayland softball standout Rae Stallard lived that moment in her team's Division 2 district final against Hopkins on Saturday, May 31.

Stallard's slam helped carry the Wildcats to the 13-3 victory, securing the district title and propelling Wayland into regionals.

Wayland softball shows off its district title trophy. (Photo provided)

The Wildcats are scheduled to play South Haven in a regional semifinal on Saturday, June 7, at noon in Stevensville-Lakeshore.

Stallard's homer—which came in the third inning—was part of an 18-hit attack for Wayland. Stallard collected two of those hits and was one of seven Wildcats to finish with multiple hits.

Mackenzie Kositzky, Shelby VanHouten and Clara Dutkiewicz each collected three of those hits, while Madi Ludema, Harmony Laker and Kaylee Lown joined Stallard with two hits each.

One of Ludema's hits was a 3-run homer in the seventh inning, while Laker hit a two-run home run in the first inning.

Laker started in the pitcher's circle for Wayland and gave up seven hits and three runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out six and walking none.

Gracie Stallard started the game for Hopkins. She surrendered eight hits and seven runs (six earned) over two and one-third innings, striking out none and walking none.

Ava Vanderkolk led the Hopkins offense, connecting for a home run. Hannah Brinks added two hits.

Wayland reached the district finals thanks to a 6-5 win over host Middleville in a semifinal game.

The Wildcats trailed 4-3 after fifth innings, but rallied to plate three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

The first of those three runs scored on an error, while the second two scored on a single by Ludema.

Ludema was one of four Wildcats to finish with two hits. Mackenzie Kositzky, Laney Wolf and Lown were the others.

Ludema started for Wayland and surrendered six hits and five runs (two earned) over seven innings. She struck out seven and walked two.

Martin baseball comes up short in district title game

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Haylen Buell shined on the mound and in the batter's box for Martin in the Clippers' Division 4 baseball district final against Zion Christian on Saturday, May 31.

In addition to hitting a solo home run and drawing a pair of walks, Buell limited Zion Christian to two runs (one earned) on three hits with one walk and 10 strikeouts in six innings.

But it was Zion Christian that came out on top, as the Clippers were held to three hits and one run in the 2-1 loss.

Martin earned its place in the district finals thanks to a 9-3 victory over Tri-Unity Christian in the semifinals.

While disappointed with the outcome of the Zion Christian game, Martin coach Brad Blauvelt is excited about the direction in which his program is heading.

"Although the season comes to an end, I couldn't be prouder of our team," he said. "We improved every week, played our best baseball when it mattered most and set the stage for an exciting year ahead.

"I'm looking forward to building on this momentum next season."

In the district finals, Zion Christian scored a run in the bottom of the first inning before Buell connected for his solo homer in the top of the third to knot the score at 1-1.

And that's where the score remained until the bottom of fifth, when Zion Christian scored what proved to be the winning run.

Cody Wooten and Jackson Kennedy each singled for Martin.

Buell led the offensive charge against Tri-Unity Christian, going 3-for-3 with three runs and two RBI. Blake Sweeting (2-for-4 with a double, two runs and two RBI) and Kennedy (2-for-3) also collected multiple hits.

The Clippers trailed 3-1 after two innings, but plated two runs in the top of the third to pull even at 3-3. They went ahead with two runs in the fifth and added four insurance runs in the seventh to pull away.

Kennedy started and worked the first 5.1 innings, scattering six hits and allowing three runs on six hits and six walks. He struck out five.

Buell retired the final two batters of the sixth inning, with Anderson Keeler pitching a scoreless seventh inning to close out the game.

Before districts we stole two from Marcellus. Here's the highlights from that.

Wayland's Oddy, Plainwell's Rayman qualify for golf finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

AUGUSTA—A pair of Allegan County golfers punched their ticket to the Division 2 Boys Golf State Finals based on their performance at the regional tournament on Tuesday, May 27, at Stonehedge North.

Wayland senior Theo Oddy and Plainwell junior Drew Rayman will represent their teams when the Finals begin at Beford Valley in Battle Creek beginning Friday, June 6.

Oddy was the top golfer not on one of the three state-qualifying teams, earning him his place in the Finals. He carded a 73, which tied him for second on the individual leaderboard with South Christian's Harris Hoekwater.

Rayman, meanwhile, shot a 77, which tied him for the third and final individual qualifying spot with Otsego senior Spencer Shearer and Holland Christian's Linus Vanderberg. That sent those three to a playoff hole.

Rayman and Shearer both pared the first playoff hole, leading to a second. It was then that Rayman earned his spot.

"It was bittersweet to watch (the second playoff holes)," said Andy Rayman, Drew Rayman's father. "Drew and Spencer have been friends and opponents for years now."

Grand Rapids Christian won the team title by shooting a 301. Grand Rapids South Christian (304) and Hudsonville Unity Christian (310) were second and third, respectively, to lock up the other qualifying spots.

From a team standpoint, Wayland was fourth at 325 and Otsego was fifth at 326. Hamilton finished at 335 and Plainwell shot a 342.

Scores for those teams were: Wayland—Oddy 73, Jaden Osterhout 80, Liam Barabas 85 and Hustler Sok 87; Otsego—Shearer 77, Jurian Shaffer 79, Karson Holladay 83 and Landon Eastman 87; Hamilton—Seth Lappinga 80, Grant Petroelje 83, Dominic Schipper 84 and Jackson Hansen 88; and Plainwell—Rayman 77, Sawyer McCall 84, Jon Schmidtke 89 and Cameron Larsen 92.

Bulldogs fall to Paw Paw in districts

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—Otsego softball coach Jake Knash had nothing but praise for his team following its Division 2 district semifinal against state-ranked Paw Paw.

"This was the best softball my girls have played all year," Knash said.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, they fell just short as the Red Hawks pushed a run across the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning to claim the extra-innings victory, 2-1.

"It was a heartbreaking loss," Knash said.

Elizabeth Vandenberg accounted for the game-winning run, connecting for a solo home run with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

Audrey Lingbeek pitched all 9.1 innings for Otsego. She scattered seven hits and walked three with four strikeouts.

Paw Paw started the scoring in the bottom of the first inning as Stella Shaefer collected a leadoff single and scored on an error.

That was the game's lone run until the top of the fourth inning. That's when Lingbeek led off by getting hit by a pitch and later scored to make it 1-1.

Otsego had base runners in each of the last four innings—getting runners to third base in three of those frames—but were unable to push any more runs across the plate.

"We did so many things well in this game," Knash said. "We were solid all round with our pitching and defensive. We just couldn't get the timely hits we needed with runners on."

The Bulldogs stranded 10 runners in the game.

Addy Lucas accounted for the bulk of the Otsego offense, going 4-for-4 with a double. Lingbeek and Sydneigh Mosher each added a single.

Otsego's Audrey Lingbeek

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Local athletes perform well at Division 2 boys track finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—Competing on their home track, members of the Hamilton boys track team wanted to end the season on a high note at the Division 2 Boys Track State Finals on Saturday, May 31.

The Hawkeyes did just that, earning All-State recognition in two relays.

Hamilton's 4x100 team of Noel Vigil, AJ Friedriechsen, Cyrus Berens and Jeren Bronkhorst placed sixth at 43.26, while the 4x200 relay team of Friedriechsen, Zach Stoel, Gabriel Schrotenboer and Bronkhorst placed seventh at 1:29.98.

The top eight finishers earn All-State honors.

Hamilton teammate Logan Eding also secured All-State status in discus, placing sixth at 161-1. That was one spot behind Otsego's Alex Robbins, who was fifth with a personal-best throw of 162-7.

Otsego's Alex Robbins earned All-State honors in discus. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Robbins just missed out on All-State in shot put, placing ninth at 52-3.

Justin Scott is Otsego's throws coach.

"Alex is the kind of kid every coach dreams about having," Scott said. "He works hard physically and also mentally. He understands everything that needs to happen in the throwing circles to create a successful throw. He is a great role model for our younger athletes and spends a lot of time helping them and encouraging them.

"In addition to being Alex's throws coach I would say I am also an Alex Robbins fan. For three years Alex has worked extremely hard to improve and it is a satisfying thing for me as a coach to see good things happening for a good kid who works hard."

The area's other All-State performance came from Plainwell's Donovan Ryan, who was eighth in the 1,600 at 4:22.19. Otsego's Caleb Wesseldyk was also in that race, placing 11th at 4:24.26.

Other athletes from the county who competed were: Hamilton's Lincoln Phillips (10th at 40.78) and Clayton Kerber (18th at 42.05) in the 300 hurdles; Otsego's Carson Brooks in pole vault (12th at 12-10); Hopkins Luke Klinge in pole value (13th at 12-10); Otsego's Kenny Sheffer in the 3,200 (16th at 9:47.62); Wayland's Ashton Kuhlman in shot put (15th at 49-5) and discus (34th at 128-5) Wayland's Adam Huff in discus (17th at 151-5); Hamilton's 4x400 team of Abatu Dykstra, Schrotenboer, Bronkhorst and Friedriechsen (17th at 3:20.27); Otsego's 4x400 relay team of Michael Spitzner, Matt Long, Zeke Andrina and Jack Cook (21st at 3:31.42); and Otsego's 4x800 relay team of Long, Sheffer, Gunnar Djerf and Holten Mulherin (21st at 8:27.68).

Hopkins beats Otsego in district final

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—The Hopkins baseball team entered the season with three primary goals: win an OK Silver championship, win a district title and make an extended postseason run.

On Saturday, May 31, the Vikings were able to check the second of those goals off the list.

After surviving for a 3-2 extra-innings win over Wayland in the district semifinals, Hopkins bested site host Otsego 4-0 in the finals to secure the district crown.

"That's two goals down," Hopkins coach Pat O'Dell said. "Now we want to see how far we can go in the state tournament, which is to be determined."

The Vikings are scheduled to face Gull Lake in a regional semifinal on Wednesday, June 4, at Harper Creek High School. The winner of that game will advance to the regional finals on Saturday, June 7, at Stevensville-Lakeshore at 12:30 p.m.

"Our defense and pitching were the high points of the district games," O'Dell said. "If we continue to pitch well and play great defense, we should be a tough out in the tournament."

In the district finals, Hopkins score one run in the bottom of the first inning to take a quick 1-0 lead. The Vikings added three runs in the fifth inning to give staring pitcher Trent Smith some breathing room.

Speaking of Smith, he pitched all seven innings, allowing just two runs with no walks and eight strikeouts.

Luke VanSlyke paced Hopkins with two singles, while Kellen Ford tripled.

Scott Durr and Jaydon Watson each had a single for Otsego. Watson also got the start on the mound and went 4.1 innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on five hits with six walks and two strikeouts.

Against Wayland, Hopkins led 1-0 through six innings before Wayland took a 2-0 lead in the top of the seventh. The Vikings rallied for a run in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings, with Hopkins plating the winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

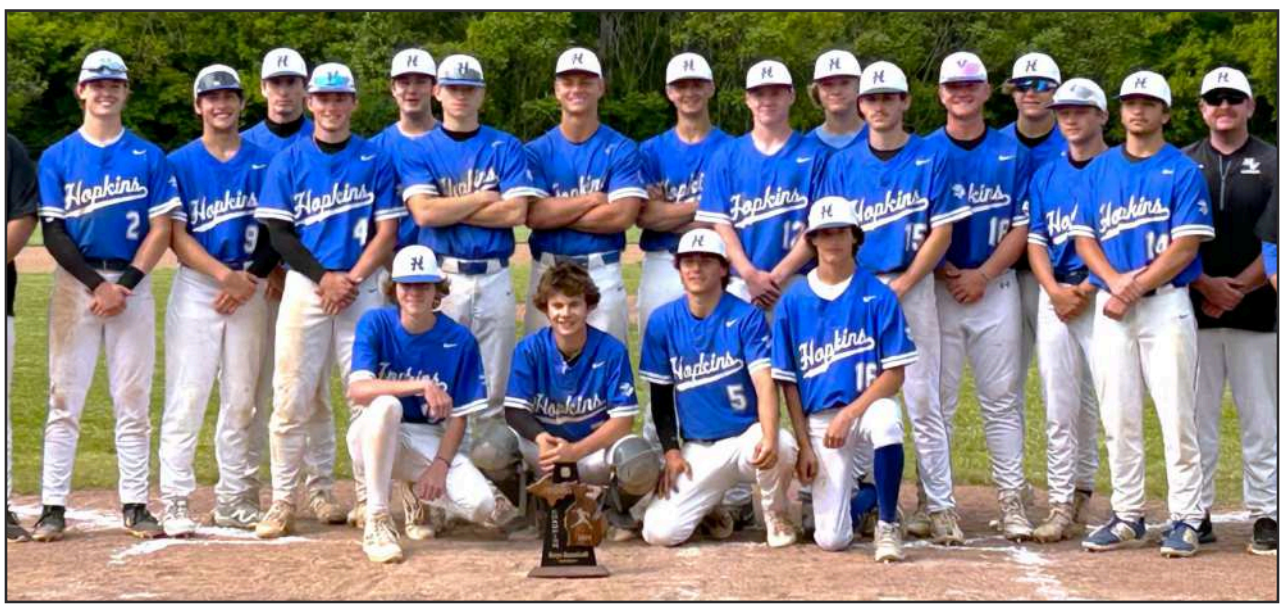
Aaron Arnsman collected two hits and an RBI for Hopkins, while Mike Woollam also drove in a run.

Christian Smigiel pitched the first seven innings for the Vikings, allowing two runs (one earned) one four hits with two walks and six strikeouts. Ford pitched two scoreless innings in relief to collect the win, striking out three.

"This squad has been in some tough games where you have to battle all game from beginning to end, which is always a good thing for a team to experience, especially in the postseason," O'Dell said. "We faced two great opponents in Wayland and Otsego, both having great pitching, coaching, and hitting.

"I am happy we were able to come out on top. The team is eager to keep going and should be a fun game Wednesday evening verse Gull Lake."

Wayland got a double from Hoyt Borgic.



The Hopkins baseball team bested Otsego to win a district title. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck competes at D3 State Finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

KENT CITY—A pair of All-State performances highlighted the Saugatuck track team's day at Division 4 State Finals at Kent City High School on Saturday, May 31.

Nicki McNeil finished fourth in discus with a distance of 127 feet, 10 inches, while Mazie Robison was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.3.

That time for Robison represented a season-best effort in the event.

The top eight finishers in each event earn All-State honors.

McNeil and Robison were two of seven Saugatuck girls to participate in the State Finals in a total of six events, including a pair of relays.

The 4x800 relay of Savannah VanDenBerg, Alina Martinson, Kamryn Sixberry and Lyvia Curtis placed 12th at 10:12.16. The 4x100 relay of Martinson, Robison, Leora Buss and Mallory Hass finished 29th at 53.28.

Martinson, meanwhile, was 16th in the 400 (1:01.09) and 21st in the 800 (2:31.95).

Fennville's Isabelle Sliter competed in the 1,600 and placed 13th at 5:25.09.

On the boys' side, the senior duo of Carter Miller and Cass Stanberry represented Saugatuck.

Stanberry was 16th in long jump with a distance of 19-11, while Miller was 19th in discus at 133-2.

Saugatuck's Mazie Robison earned All-State. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Otsego girls soccer downs Gull Lake for district championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

RICHLAND—It was a clash of the titans when Gull Lake hosted Otsego in a Division 2 girls soccer district final on Friday, May 30.

The teams had one combined loss, while Gull Lake ended the regular season ranked third in D2 and the Bulldogs were ranked eighth.

"This really was a game for the ages," Otsego coach Levi Butcher said. "The atmosphere didn't disappoint, nor did the play on the field. Fast, physical and entertaining from the opening whistle, there was a ton of talent on display."

And on this night, Otsego had just a little more talent as the Bulldogs scored in the game's 12th minute and made that goal stand up for the 1-0 victory.

Otsego was schedule to face Stevensville-Lakeshore in a regional semifinal on Tuesday, June 3. The winner of that game will advance to the regional finals against either Hudsonville Unity Christian or Adrian on Thursday, June 5, at Harper Creek. Game time for the finals is 6 p.m.

Following the win over Gull Lake, Butcher expressed his gratitude for the fans.

"Our fan support was first-class all game," he said. "Our families, students and community came out in full force. Their energy gave our girls a needed boost late in that game, and it is something we'll remember for a long time."

Peyton Johnson accounted for the game's lone goal, with Constantine Taylor picking up the assist.

The goal came after a free kick by Maddie Ragan toward the top of the Gull Lake box. Taylor got the ball to Johnson, who finished into the bottom left corner of the goal.

"The game was a dog fight from there," Butcher said. "Numerous attacking opportunities for both teams, two of the best back lines in the state snuffing out chances and more than a few hard fouls."

Otsego keeper Zoe Alkire entered the game having faced only 21 shots, with only five goals allowed thanks to the Bulldogs' back line.

"This game posed a much greater likelihood that she'd be called into action," Butcher said of Alkire. "Zoe showed up in a big way for us on the night. Numerous interventions and clearances on through balls, taking contact from opposing attackers on multiple occasions and making a stunning reaction save on a point-blank header in the dying minutes all made the highlight reel.

"For a goalkeeper, games like these can make or break your season. For Zoe to go the majority of the season having very few saves to make and being able to maintain her training and focus just waiting for a moment like this, is very impressive."

Alkire finished with eight saves.

Otsego reached the district finals thanks to a 1-0 win over Middleville three days earlier.

Peyton Dennany scored that goal off an assist from Olivia Witteveen in the game's 18th minute.

"Though we dominated possession throughout, we weren't able to turn that into a lot of quality scoring opportunities," Butcher said. "(Middleville) showed up ready to play, and we seemed a bit off in terms of how sharp we were. We had no issues keeping the ball, but we missed a lot of chances to really hurt them throughout the match.

"Our defending was very good on the night, holding them to one shot on goal that didn't trouble Zoe. Our team defending has been a bright spot for us all year, which will usually keep you in games."

Butcher praised the defensive play of Lexi Gross, Taylor, Addi Pfefferman Ragan.

"The senior leadership of Gross moving to center back, consistent play of Pfefferman at left back and Ragan stepping up in a huge way to lock down the right back spot was crucial for us in closing out the regular season undefeated," he said.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Parker Stevens, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Top Flite Financial, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 13, 2024 and recorded August 14, 2024 in Liber 4965, Page 453 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee of Basin Residential Loan Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six and 74/100 Dollars ($192,886.74).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 3, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of DORR, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 23, Litchfield Downs, according to the recorded plat thereof, filed in Liber 10, Page 55, records of Allegan County, State of Michigan.

4175 Radstock Dr, Dorr, Michigan 49323

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 15, 2025
File No. 25-004598
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(05-15)(06-05)

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
KENOSHA COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 25-CV-000358 Branch 5
The Honorable David P. Wilk
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds $10,000.00
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
11625 N Community House Rd
Charlotte, NC 28277
Plaintiff,
vs.
James T. Sewell
11411 270th Ave
Trevor, WI 53179-9343
Jane Doe Sewell
11411 270th Ave
Trevor, WI 53179-9343
Defendants.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after May 22, 2025 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 912 56th Street, Kenosha, WI 53140-3736 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 9 day of May, 2025.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: Ian J. Thomson
State Bar No. 1076280
Case No. 25-CV-000358 Branch 5
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
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Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COUrt JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY
STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDER REGARDING
ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 2570023CK
Court address 113 CHESTNUT ST COUNTY BLDG., ALLEGAN, MI 49010
Court telephone no (269) 673-0300
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no.
COMMUNITY CHOICE CREDIT UNION
c/o Attorney
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
HOLZMAN LAW, PLLC.
Daniel Holzman (P82344) / Michael T. Mamut (P81102)
Clarence A.S. Kennedy (P88082)
28366 Franklin Road
Southfield. MI 48034
248-355-2240
v
Defendent
ADELBERT Canfeild
4884 112TH AVE
PULLMAN MI, 49450
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, ADELBERT CANFORD cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).

a. First-class mail to 4884 112TH AVE PULLMAN, MI 49450

b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 4884 112TH AVE PULLMAN, MI 49450

d. Other: ceitiod Mail / Return Receipt Requested

Publish for 3 Consecutive weeks per MCR 2.106

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Matthew Antioviak P-59446

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Circuit Court Case No. 22-66437-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE In pursuance and by virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 20th day of November, 2024, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein David Setzke was the Plaintiff, and Hany Boutros the Defendant. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Mich. Court Rule 3.403, the Allegan County Circuit Court has authorized Hany Boutros to conduct a partition sale of all of a certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Fennville, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, commonly known as 2425 58th Street, Fennville, MI 49408, Parcel I.D. No. 62-032-030-00. A hearing will be held at the Allegan County Circuit Court, 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010, on the 17th day of July, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the courtroom of Judge Matthew Antkoviak, in case number 22-66437-CH, to confirm the sale of the above-described property to Hans Hansen in a cash sale for the price of $645,000. Confirmation of the sale is subject to any higher and better offers that may be submitted at the confirmation hearing. Dated: May 15, 2025 CLARK HILL PLC By: David F. Hansma (P71056) Attorney for Defendant

(05-22)(06-26)

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JULY 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Burnett, Jr. and Amber Burnett, to National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 2, 2007 and recorded October 16, 2007 in Liber 3168, Page 933 Allegan County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 66/100 Dollars ($75,155.66).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JULY 3, 2025.

Said premises are located in the City of Otsego, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 75 of Raven's Addition to the Village (now City) of Otsego, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

309 Mckinley Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: May 29, 2025
File No. 24-013575
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(05-29)(06-19)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): David Christopher Cooper, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 19, 2002 Recorded on January 14, 2003, Liber 2376, on Page 536, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 65/100 Dollars ($40,702.65) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lot 15 of Atwater`s Addition to the City of Fennville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14 Commonly known as 229 Wilson St, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(05-29)(06-19)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 03, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Jayce Brinks and Alexandria Brinks, husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship Original Mortgagee: Neighborhood Loans, Inc. Date of mortgage: July 22, 2022 Recorded on September 27, 2022, Liber 4801, on Page 758, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on September 28, 2022, Liber 4802, on Page 86, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on October 31, 2024 in Liber 4986, on Page 727 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One and 40/100 Dollars ($212,831.40) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at a point on the centerline of Ely Street, 297 feet South 52 degrees West of the East line of Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 13 West; thence Southeasterly at right angles to Ely Street to the East line of Section 29; thence North on the Section line to a point 330 feet South of the centerline of Ely Street; thence West 33 feet; thence North 17 degrees West to the centerline of Ely Street; thence Southwest along the centerline of Ely Street to the Point of Beginning, EXCEPT: Commencing at a point on the Section line between Sections 28 and 29, 330 feet South of the centerline of Ely Street; thence West 33 feet; thence Southeasterly at right angles to Ely Street 24 feet; thence Southwesterly parallel to Ely Street 83 feet; thence Southeasterly at right angles to Ely Street, to above referred to section line; thence North on section line to the Point of Beginning; ALSO EXCEPT: Commencing on the centerline of Ely Street 91.5 feet South 52 degrees West from the East line of Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 13 West; running thence South parallel with said East Section line 120.5 feet; thence North 17 degrees West to the centerline of Ely Street; thence Northeasterly along the centerline of Ely Street to the Point of Beginning. ALSO EXCEPT: Commencing at a point on the centerline of Ely Street 122.75 feet South 52 degrees West of the East line of Section 29; thence South 17 degrees East 62.96 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 17 degrees East 130.14 feet; thence North 27 degrees 54 minutes 37 seconds West 78.03 feet; thence North 01 degree 34 minutes 14 seconds West 55.51 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 513 Ely St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(05-29)(06-19)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph J. Laroy, a married man and Pricilla Laroy, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, dated September 27, 2004, and recorded September 30, 2004 in Liber 2738, Page 108, in Allegan County records, Michigan, and assigned to Household Finance Corporation III by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on November 12, 2008 in Liber 3275, Page 667, and assigned to Household Finance Corporation III by a Corrective Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 10, 2012 in Liber 3607, Page 376, and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on February 24, 2014 in Liber 3816, Page 688, and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of the FW Series I Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 12, 2020 in Liber 4461, Page 226, and, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two and 36/100 dollars ($113,722.36). Said premises are situated in the Township of Otsego, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Lot 5, Oak View Farm, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 15 of Plats, Page 66, Allegan County Records. Property Address: 282 Zak Road, Plainwell, MI 49080 Parcel No.: 17-660-005-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: May 29, 2025 For more information, please call: (440) 572-1511 Sottile and Barile LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2410006 - Laroy, Joseph J.

(05-29)(06-19)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
County Bldg. Allegan, MI 49010
FILE NO.: 25-70202-CZ
HON. MATTHEW W. ANTKOVIAK
WILLIAM TOLSMA,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MARILYN SHULMAN and
THE MARILYN BALFOORT TRUST,
DEFENDANTS,
MICHAEL J. BECKER P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiff
314 Trowbridge Street
Allegan, MI 49010
MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT

Plaintiff, by and through its counsel, Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C., hereby states as follows:

1. On or about November 20, 2024, Plaintiff filed a complaint | against Defendants for Specific Performance, Fraud, and Innocent Misrepresentation.

2. Defendants were severed by publication on April 3, 10, 17 and first class mail on March 25, 2025, as a result of the order for alternative service.

3. Defendants never filed an Answer to the Complaint.

4. Defendants were defaulted and an Order of Default was entered by this court on or about May 20, 2025.

5. Per the terms of the agreement between the parties and more fully laid out in the Complaint, Plaintiff was to purchase Defendants property for $100,000.00.

6. Enclosed as Exhibit 1 is the proposed Judgment.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this court enter judgment against Defendants providing

Plaintiff with exclusive ownership of 2790 144® Avenue, Dorr, Michigan and requiring Plaintiff to

escrow the purchase price of the sale.

Dated: May 28, 2025
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN
Michael J. Becker
Attorney for Plaintiff

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DEFENDANTS,
MICHAEL J. BECKER P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiff
314 Trowbridge Street
Allegan, MI 49010
NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Judgment by Default will be held on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. before the

Hon. Matthew Antkoviak in the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Allegan, Michigan.

Dated: June 2, 2025
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
BY Michael J Becker
Attorney for Plaintiff

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST

In the Matter of: The Paula Katherine Sunnerville Living Trust

TAKE NOTICE: The Paula Katherine Sunnerville Living Trust was established on October 26, 2021. The Settlor, Paula K. Sunnerville lived at 801 Highbanks Drive, Allegan, MI 49010. She was born on June 15, 1967 and died on May 6, 2025.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Paula K. Sunnerville, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Paula Katherine Sunnerville Living Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Sue McConnell, Successor Trustee, of 704 Westbury Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49006 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: May 28, 2025
David F. Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239 Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 24-65137-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Brenda Jane DeFouw Date of Birth:*10-29-1956
TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Brenda Jane DeFouw, died June 12, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James Austin Spoor, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 61 Brynwood Ave, Holland, MI 49423 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

May 29, 2025
James Austin Spoor
61 Brynwood Ave
Holland, MI 49423
616-283-2346

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 25-70127-NA PETITION NO. I
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: OLIVER JOHNSON

A PUTATIVE FATHER HEARING will be conducted by the court on 6/25/2025 at 1:00 P.M. in 48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION before REFEREE KASSON. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that CARL VANDAM OR ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF OLIVER JOHNSON BORN TO KRISTIN MEACHAM ON 1/12/2020 personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.

Dated: 5/28/25
Judge Jolene Clearwater (P74848)

Notice of Foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on July 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Michael D. Williams and Jennifer D. Williams, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture Date of mortgage: July 9, 2015 Recorded on July 31, 2015, Book 3950, on Page 240. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-Four 87/100 Dollars $186,394.87 Mortgaged premises: Located in the Township of Otsego, Allegan County and described as: THE EAST 178.1 FEET OF THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST LYING SOUTH OF PINE CREEK ROAD, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 300 FEET THEREOF, ALSO COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD AND THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD 665.9 FEET, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 51' EAST 170.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 39' WEST 0.09 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 00'15" WEST 169.86 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON SAID CENTERLINE 0.57 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD AND THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD 665.9 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ON THE CENTERLINE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST 28.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00'37" WEST ON THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 170.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 39' WEST 25.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 51' WEST 170.0 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THAT PART OF THE EAST 178.1 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD AND THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 22; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON SAID CENTERLINE 507.41 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID CENTERLINE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST 5.96 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEGREES 52'40" EAST 365.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 22'16" WEST ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 300 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 37.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 02'15" EAST PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 361.46 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 1784 Jefferson Road Otsego MI 49078. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption

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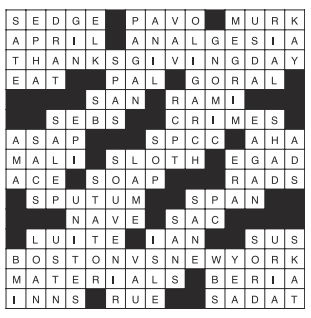

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Public Notices

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period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961 pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. ALAW 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 221-4743 24-031230.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65624-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Sidney Vaughn Barkley Date of Birth:*07/21/1947
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sidney Vaughn Barkley , died 03/01/2025 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Regina Renee Dukes-Nobel, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
05/28/25
Howard Van Den Heuvel P46369
4920 Broadmoor Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
616-698-0000
Regina Renee Dukes-Nobel
3738 Blazing Star St SE
Kentwood, MI 49512
314-403-9456

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 24-68554-NA PETITION NO.
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: ZANDER HOLLEY, REVY, HAZEL, HAVEN, AND LYRIC WELTY A ONE AND ONE HALF DAY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING will be conducted by the court on TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 AT 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 AT 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM in ALLEGAN COUNTY FAMILY COURT - 113 CHESTNUT STREET, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 - PROBATE/FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before HON. JOLENE A. CLEARWATER. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that ZOE REIGLE-JOHNSON personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.
Dated: 5/27/25
Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65641 DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Evelyn Jane Pianowski Date of Birth:*March 27, 1932
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Evelyn Jane Pianowski , died April 16, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rose Mary Sutherland, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
5/27/25
Elizabeth V. Bauer P26187
128 East Bridge Street
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
(269) 685-6883
Rose Mary Sutherland
1011 - 5th Street
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
(269) 808-3115

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Revocable Trust
Revocable Trust of Marla F. Van Iddekinge, Deceased
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Settlor, Marla F. Van Iddekinge, born August 16, 1943, died on April 25, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Marla F. Van Iddekinge Trust under Trust Agreement dated June 3, 2005, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Chad H. Van Iddekinge, 931 Camp Cardinal Road, Iowa City, IA 52246, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: May 27, 2025
Leah A. Johnson (P82709)
Scholten Fant
P.O. Box 454
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-3030
Chad H. Van Iddekinge, Trustee
931 Camp Cardinal Riad
Iowa City, IA 52246
(850) 728-7481

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 7, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eric S. Swanson and Monica L. Swanson, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Advanta Finance Corp.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Date of Mortgage: April 12, 1999
Date of Mortgage Recording: April 19, 1999
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $47,675.20
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 1 North, Range 11 West; thence East, on the North
line of said section, 930.57 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence continuing East, on said
North section line, 170 feet; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes West 256.19 feet; thence West 172.98 feet;
thence North 01 degree 20 minutes East 256.23 feet to the place of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 360 112th Ave, Martin, MI 49070-9751
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: June 5, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of LeBelle Russ Date of Birth:*7-18-1947
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LeBelle Russ, died 5-22-24.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DENNIS A Gilliam, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street/ 2608 111TH ST, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
6-2-25
DENNIS A Gilliam
2608 111th St
Allegan MI 49010
767-672-6773

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS on 02/09/2009, a certain Home Equity Conversion Mortgage was executed by Harold Stanley and Martha Stanley, husband and wife, as mortgagor in favor of One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, as mortgagee, and was recorded on 02/23/2009 in Liber 3298, Page 755 Allegan County Records; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, through mesne assignments as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage, dated 01/27/2023 and recorded 02/03/2023 in Liber 4834, Page 161 Allegan County Records; and WHEREAS, default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that Harold Stanley, Martha Stanley is/are deceased and the property described below is not the principal residence of at least one surviving Borrower; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of March 10, 2025 is $588,556.90; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, Recorded August 6, 2024 in Document Number 2024011473 Allegan County Records, notice is hereby given that on August 07, 2025 at 9:00 AM local time, the real property located in the Township of Manlius, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, the below described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: BEGINNING AT A POINT FOUND BY COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SECTION, 986.47 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 697.98 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 308.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 329.41 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, 307.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 329.41 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.33 ACRES, TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT FOUND BY COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 986.47 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 83.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 614.98 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 25.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, 614.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 25.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO BEGINNING AT A POINT FOUND BY COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST ON THE WEST SECTION LINE 1315.29 FEET TO THE WEST EIGHTH POST OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST ON THE EAST AND WEST EIGHTH LINE 598.86 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST ON SAID EIGHTH LINE 408.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 329.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 408.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 329.17 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 2833 58th St, Fennville, MI 49408 Tax Parcel No.: 14-020-022-00 & 14-020-022-41 The sale will be held at the Allegan County Courthouse in Allegan, Michigan, Allegan, Michigan. The United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $609,460.80 There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, their pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling $60,946.08 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of $60,946.08 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder he/she/they need not pay the bid amount in case. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payments and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the case deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after the consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. Payment of the entire outstanding balance of the mortgage debt is required to the cure the default. The "outstanding balance" includes amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if the debt under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs, posting costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recorded documents, a commission for the Foreclosure and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to sale. Tender of payment be certified or cashier's check or applicable for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: 06/02/2025 Neil Sherman Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 23938 Research Dr Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND ss. On this 06/02/2025, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County of Oakland, came Neil Sherman of Schneiderman & Sherman P.C., the Foreclosure Commissioner, known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the above conveyance, and who acknowledged that he/she executed the same to be his/her free act and deed as such. Christina Hedke, Notary Public Wayne County, Michigan My Commission Expires: 06/21/2025 Acting in Oakland County, Michigan Drafted by and when recorded return to: Erica Nichols (P80833) Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 25-000738-1
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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

June 5, 1950

Tax check to start Monday: Refusal of a large group of Allegan County supervisors to "face facts" during the past 10 years will manifest itself next week when state tax commission crews start work on a re-equalization of county property.

The project is the direct result of an appeal filed last week my 10 members of the board for aid from the state board in correcting tax inequities in the county and raise assessments sufficiently to avoid a $100,000 deficit.

It is the indirect result of a general failure to keep property values in step with the inevitable rising cost of government expenditure.

June 5, 1975

Gordon Brainard, bird buff, goes 'ape' over Purple Martins: If there is such a thing as reincarnation, Gordon Brainard wants to come back as a Purple Martin.

And, says the Hopkins resident, if he does come back as a Martin, he'd like somebody like himself to take care of him.

Brainard should know why he'd like to be a Purple Martin. He's been raising them for five years, the last three years quite successfully, and a couple of them are pretty good chums.

"I built the houses from my own design," he said. "Before I started, I asked myself, 'What kind of house would I like to have if I had to live up there?' And that's the way I made the designs."

The five housed he made, mounted on 10-foot poles, have room for 54 couples. Not all the rooms are full, but a lot of them are.

And some have eggs already.

June 8, 2000

Merrill leaves post as Martin's athletic director after 35 years of teaching: Dedication, according to Webster's dictionary, is "to devote exclusively to the service."

It does not have Martin athletic director Ron Merrill's picture beside it, but it could.

After 35 years of service to Martin as a teacher and coach, including 30 years as the high school's athletic director, Merrill is retiring.

In recognition of Merrill's service to Martin, his fellow staff members, friends and acquaintances met last Saturday in the Martin High School cafeteria to fete and roast Merrill and his long tenure with the Clippers.

However, before Merrill became a Clipper, he was a Wildcat—a Wayland Wildcat, to be more accurate.

As a high school athlete in Wayland, Merrill enjoyed success in football and baseball. He played on a championship football team in 1958 as center for quarterback Chuck Regan, younger brother of Major League Baseball pitcher Phil Regan.

Merrill graduated from Western Michigan University in 1965 with a major in physical education and a minor in geography. He earned a permanent teaching certificate from WMU and went in search of a teaching position.

Merrill was interviewed by Martin superintendent Robert Brandon for a middle school social studies teaching position and the head basketball coaching position. To this day, Merrill does not know what possessed Brandon to offer the head basketball position to a rookie straight out of college, but he is forever grateful that Brandon did.

June 4, 2020

Fire District buys $609,000 ladder truck: Allegan Fire District is now primed to purchase a $609,000 ladder truck this summer.

It will replace a 30-year-old truck and is expected to be picked up in early July.

Fire Chief Nick Brink said, "It's necessary for our community to have a ladder truck with all the multistory buildings in the city. We depend on our ladder truck to get water to the area of concern or being able to rescue people. We are kind of excited to get this."

He said it would positively affect the ISO ratings of businesses and homes in the area, helping reduce insurance cost for the community.

Allegan city council members passed a resolution May 26 approving the purchase. Allegan Township board members did the same at their meeting Monday. The two municipalities fund the fire district and contribute to its board of directors.

The truck is a 2018 HME, built to show off the equipment at trade shows; it has never been in service, so Brink said it was essentially new at a discount. It has an 80-foot ladder, a 5-foot increase over the current truck; it pumps 2,000 gallons of water per minute, up from the current truck's 1,750.

The truck has the usual 400-gallon tank to help prime the water pump. It is four feet longer than the current truck, but its design means it is likely even more maneuverable.

Brink said the district will sign an intent to purchase and finance through Chemical Bank, expected to take place in approximately a month.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Deaths

May 15, 2025
ROBERT LEE SCHOLTEN, 83, Holland
CAROL MARIE RUSSELL, 79, Manlius Twp.

MAy 16, 2025
NONA LEE MILLER, 88, Trowbridge Twp.

PRESTON WARD BRADLEY, 91, Holland

May 17, 2025
DEBRA JEAN SCHUURMAN, 71, Fillmore Twp.

May 18, 2025
RICHARD HEMWALL, 87, Laketown Twp

May 19, 2025
ROBERT RIETVELD, 81, Holland

May 20, 2025
SHIRLEY MAE STEANBURG, 88, Manlius Twp.
SHARON KAY KNUDSEN, 88, Saugatuck Twp.

May 21, 2025
MARTIN TRENT KIRKLAND, 62, Monterey Twp.

May 22, 2025
JOHN ROBBINS MIDDLETON SR, 80, Laketown Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between May 20 and May 28:

JUSTIN CARL OETMAN, Wayland, and **EMMA MARIE KRUGH**, Wayland
ALEXIS JADE VANDERZWAAG, Hamilton, and **CALEB PETER WIERINGA**, Wayland
ALEXANDER MIKEL WEEMS, Allegan, and **KARA MARIE LYNN RIAL**, Allegan
TRENTON MICHAEL KRONEMEYER, Hamilton, and **HAYLEY JO BULTEMA**, Hamilton
PAIGE NICOLE KLAUKA, Wayland, and **NICKOLAS DAVID JAMES ROUSSEY**, Wayland
ANGELA ROSE WYSOCKI, Allegan, and **RYAN ALLEN GORDON**, Allegan
THERESA ANN PRICE, Hamilton, and **BRUCE WILLIAM TERMEER**, Hamilton
DONOVAN CHASE HASKINS, Otsego, and **KAYELEEN ALEXA SEND**, Otsego
SKYLER MAY MCELROY, Hopkins, and **MICHAEL ALAN BOUMAN**, Hopkins
MELISSA RENEE PLAGGEMARS, Holland, and **BRANDON JON GENZINK**, Allegan
KURT WARREN ELDERS, Allegan, and **ROBIN LEE MOORE**, Allegan
HECTOR APREZA VIDAL, Fennville, and **MICHELLE ENNETTE KLEEVES KING**, Fennville
KEITH WAYNE NEELY, Fennville, and **AMY NICOLE BROWN**, Fennville
HANNAH MARGARET ANTKOVIAK, Allegan, and **KALEB CORDELL SMITH**, Allegan
KEITH MICHAEL EDWARD RICE, Allegan, and **VANESSA ROSE BERRY**, Allegan
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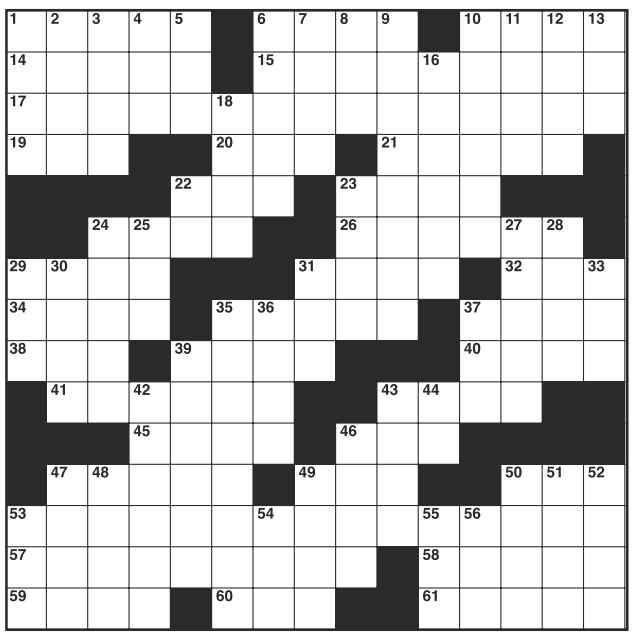
Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Marsh plant
6. Southern constellation ('The Peacock')
10. Fogginess
14. Home to Fools' Day
15. Absence of the sense of pain
17. Popular November holiday
19. Consume food
20. Buddy
21. Long-haired goat-antelope
22. Japanese honorific
23. Actor Malek
24. One point south of southeast
26. Illegal acts
29. As fast as can be done
31. Prevents harm to young
32. Exclamation of satisfaction
34. African nation
35. Slow-moving animal
37. Oh, goodness!
38. A team's best pitcher
39. Cleanser
40. Radioactivity units
41. Expectorated matter
43. Cover a wide range
45. The central area of a church
46. California capital (abbr.)
47. Dutch painter Klaver
49. 007's creator
50. Impression of dishonesty
53. Northeastern sports rivalry
57. Cloths
58. Stalin's police chief
59. Hostelries
60. Bitterly regret
61. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

CLUES DOWN
1. Satisfy
2. European health advocate
3. Expression of annoyance
4. Strong liquor
5. Large red deer
6. Holder of less common religious beliefs
7. West Indian shrub
8. Family of proteins
9. Wealthy, influential business leader
10. Low spirits
11. Approves food
12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman
13. Mary __, cosmetics
16. Expressed in pithy maxims
18. Relaxing spaces
22. The NFL's big game
23. Proof of payment (abbr.)
24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
25. Indicates near
27. Minneapolis suburb
28. Herring-like fish
29. Doctors' group
30. Pouches
31. Bread dipping in sauce
33. Commercials
35. A reminder of past events
36. Affected by injury
37. Geological time
39. Stationary part of a motor
42. Brings together
43. Of sound mind
44. Personal computer
46. Without (French)
47. A bank might give you one
48. Agricultural testing organization
49. A small island
50. Type of gene
51. Murres
52. Card game
53. A measure of human health
54. Australian airline (abbr.)
55. One point south of due west
56. Affirmative

■ see **Solution**, Page B6

RELIGION SECTION

Psalm 148 is, to my way of thinking, pure spiritual delight. It is a joyous song of praise, with everything from stars and planets to sea monsters, and all God's creation singing his praises. We understand it!

In early May I went for my usual morning walk and saw part of a robin's eggshell on the sidewalk. It was a reminder that a new generation of birds had hatched and were growing. Soon, they would be joining the pre-dawn chorus. Throughout the day I hear and see them as the fly by or take a quick dip in the bird bath. Then, at night, somewhere after sunset and before the twilight fades, I go for another walk, just to hear the birds sing nightly night to the world.

Perhaps you have done this, or there are other times when bird calls catch your attention. Maybe it is the sound of the sand hill cranes as they fly far over-head, geese, killdeer or other creatures. Now that it is warmer, I see chipmunks darting across the lawn, and the squirrels continue to chase each other up and down the trees. We thrill in those moments.

But soon, sometime in July, the chipmunks decide to take a long summer nap. Or, I will go for an early morning walk, and it will be far quieter. The birds have not migrated south, but they have raised their brood of chicks, and now they are molting their flight feathers. They are more wary coming to the birdbath, and constantly watch for potential predators, knowing that it is a dangerous time of year when escape is not so easy. Once the new feathers have grown in, many of them will be making their way to their winter roosts in the south. Here in this part of the country, mornings will be sadly quiet.

Tragically, some of God's creatures have been permanently silenced. Whether from climate change, pollution, or other human acts, or from natural causes beyond human control, each time the world becomes a bit quieter.

Perhaps there is very little any of us can do as individuals to stop this trend. But we do not despair and we do not give up. If, for example, you love hearing the sound of birds, or find pleasure in watching squirrels chase each other, then it becomes a sacred duty to try to protect, respect, and care for these creatures.

To respect all that God has given us, whether in the natural world or relationships with others or the traditions taught to us by our elders, is one way we honor God. In turn, when we honor and respect God in all places and situations, we are fulfilling our Lord's first great commandment: Love God with all you've got.

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Episcopal Church of the
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Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
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Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

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Pastor Wally Coots

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Dorr, MI 49323
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Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
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Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

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269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
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www.fpcallegan.org
10:30 service time.

First Baptist Church
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Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
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4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
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Dan Rachor, Pastor
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672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

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716 Academy St, Allegan
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